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OUTLINES.

While making a raid on moonshiners in Forsyth county, Revenue Officer J. W. Hendricks was shot from ambush and killed——William Jennings Bryan last night refused to discuss the candidacy of Gov. John Johnson of Minnesota for the Democratic nomination and said: "I shall not volunteer but if drafted I will not desert"——A claim will be made by the Italian Government for the loss of $15,000 worth of tobacco at the time of the "Night Rider" raids at Hopkinsville, Ky.——President Roosevelt has ordered the troops withdrawn from Goldfield, December 30 and informed Governor Sparks that it is up to the State of Nevada to maintain order——The Department of Agriculture yesterday Issued a report showing acreage and value of farm crops——James H. Oliphant, a wealthy and well known New York Stock Exchange broker was shot down in his office by Charles A. Geiger of South Carolina and killed. Geiger had lost $75,000 in steel stocks and owed Oliphant's firm $5,000; he had been refused more credit——Only six bodies have been recovered from the Darr Mine at Jacobs Creek, where on Thursday 200 or more miners were probably killed by an explosion——Hester's statement shows the world's visible supply of cotton to be less than it was last year at this time——Secretary of War William H. Taft returned to Washington from his trip abroad last night; he refused to discuss the political situation but said it was the height of foolishness to talk about a war between the county and Japan——There was no aftermath of the encounter between Congressmen Williams and DeArmond in the House of Representatives; there were some rumors of a challenge to a duel being issued, but all likelihood of this has been dispelled; each of the combatants contend that the other was the aggressor and that he must make the first overtures of peace if any are made——Bradstreet's Weekly statement says conditions in financial cicles are slowly but surely approaching the normal——The Census Bureau yesterday issued a bulletin showing that of this year's cotton crop, 9,281,077 bales had been ginned up to December 13, as against 11,112,789 for the same period last year——New York markets, Flour firmer, but quiet; wheat, spot market strong; corn, spot firm; oats, spot easy; rosin, quiet; turpentine, easy at 46 1-2; money on call, firm from 8 to 16; ruling rate, 15 per cent; closing bid, 10 and offered at 14 per cent; spot cotton closed steady, 10 points higher; middling uplands, 11.80; middling gulf, 12.05; sales, 1,900 bales.

Yes, Cleveland used fewer words than President Roosevelt, but think of the size of them.

It seems awful hard to convince some Republicans that President Roosevelt is a truthful man.

With or without pantaloons on, the eagle on the twenty-dollar gold piece is a "bird" just the same.

The Emperor of Germany selects all of his wife's hats. She should retaliate by selecting his cigars.

Those Western brewers have about come to the conclusion that a reformed saloon is better than no saloon at all.

And the end of The Hague conference is not yet. Nearly all of the members are going to write books about it.

With the "Night Riders" scattering fire brands everywhere, Kentucky need fear no blizard at this time.

It is said that 27,000 New York women support their husbands. The fellow with a thrifty wife is "sure enough" lucky.

Japan is not worrying over the American fleet," says the Chicago News. Why should she? Japan is not paying the coal bills.

It may be Secretary Taft against the field, all right, as an exchange states, but with Roosevelt "up" he carries a tremendous handicap.

When the fleet arrives in the Pacific it should remain there. Then let Uncle Sam build a new one for the purposes of the Atlantic. How's that?

A club has been formed in New York which has for its motto, "Pay Your Bills." It was undoubtedly founded by men who would like to collect a few.

A Philadelphia man had to pay $400 for a chicken. He should have had more sense than to have gone into a Quaker City restaurant and ordered a whole chicken at one time.

The favorite sons are now having their day at home and especially in their home papers, but with a conspicuous exception or two, their booms are not speeding very far from the old homestead.

NOTHING DOING YET

Discourse on Water Works Again With an Apology to The Public.

NO DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE

Suggestion From Aldermen Not Acted Upon by Company—May Abandon Municipal Ownership Idea—The Situation.

If apologies are due for a further discourse on the subject, they are herewith extended. Reference is to the water works situation again. It is mentioned now merely for the purpose of stating that the expected developments yesterday did not occur and for the purpose of correcting an erroneous impression that seems to have gone abroad that those certain Aldermen who approached the water works company in regard to the latest phase of the question were acting without authority.

At the meeting of the regular standing committee on water works Thursday morning, Chairman Wood for personal reasons, did not desire to handle the matter further with the water works people and the committee joined in a request to Alderman R. H. Northrop that he act as mediator between the board and the committee, go to the company and state to the private owners that the city would stand pat on its offer of $140,000 for the plant as of November 1st and as recommended by the Water and Sewerage Commission acting in the capacity of a committee of citizens, but to say to them that if they would make the city a proposition to sell the plant on January 1st, the offer of November 1st would be figured at exactly what it amounted to at that time with the retention of those certain rentals paid in advance, and the proposition would be accepted and the net amount would be paid on January 1st. The committee figured out just what the offer of November 1st amounted to and it was ascertained that it was approximately $145,000. Should the company agree to sell at that figure January 1st, a majority of the Board of Aldermen were seen and they agreed to purchase for that figure, if the company would make that proposition to close the entire matter up. Alderman Northrop was commissioned to call upon the water works people, inform them that a counter proposition on the $145,000 basis January 1st would be accepted by the city if it were made, and he did so, expecting a reply yesterday morning. But no reply came and the matter is still open. The whole matter was simply a suggestion to the company that if they cared to accept the original proposition figured out on a different basis, it would be accepted by the city. Whether the suggestion will be received and the further counter proposition will be made by the company, is up to the stockholders of that corporation to say. So far as the city is concerned, it has disposed of the matter finally but the Aldermen have agreed, if the company wants to make the proposition outlined above as of January 1st, they will accept it.

It was quite freely talked on the streets yesterday that the company would not accept this $145,000 proposition, for that is really what the November 1st proposition meant, and there is a movement on foot to cast aside the municipal ownership question altogether so far as it concerns the water works and enter into a new and iron clad contract with the present company for an adequate service, this involving the material improvement of the present plant by the private owners at an expenditure of several thousand dollars. It was stated by a gentleman yesterday that if the municipal ownership proposition were now submitted to the people at the polls, it would be overwhelmingly defeated. The act under which the Aldermen are proceeding on this municipal ownership negotiation is said to be not mandatory and if the present dickerings to purchase the plant fall through, it would seem that there will be a strong sentiment to have the present owners improve the plant here and continue the operation of the property for a term of years under a contract with the city.

Pleasure Yachts in Port.

Capt. W. P. Gates, master of the pleasure yacht Whim, in at Southport for harbor, bound from New York to Florida, reported at the Rudder Station here yesterday and will be here for a day or two. Capt. Gates also reported the Madeline, Capt. Barr, from Boston to Florida, in at Southport for harbor. The Whim is owned by Mrs. M. A. Terry, of New York, who will later join the craft in Florida.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

E. Warren & Son—Christmas Cakes.
C. H. Fore & Co.—Holiday Specialties.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Position in Office.
W. S. Mintz—Visiting Cards.
R. M. McIntire—House For Sale.
A. G. Holmes—Business For Sale.
P. L. Cantwell—Rig at a Bargain.

WEEKLY PORT STATISTICS

Cotton Year Promises to be Largest In History of Port—Receipts Unusually Heavy—Naval Stores Figures.

The weekly stock report posted yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce accentuates what has been predicted in port circles for some time—that at the present rate of receipts there is every indication that the current will be the largest cotton year that Wilmington has ever had.

The receipts since September 1st have been 352,241 bales and it now appears that before the end of the crop year next September Wilmington will have handled fully a half a million bales or a pretty good percentage of the entire yield in the United States. Last year this date only 241,842 bales had been received, a gain in favor of this year of over 110,000 bales. These receipts do not indicate that the crop is so much larger in this territory nor that the farmers have not held their staple for higher prices. It simply means that Wilmington's exporters have been exploring new fields and that the aggressive policy of the firm of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son is bringing to this port commerce that has heretofore been handled through other gateways. While all this has been going on, the clearance of ships recently indicate that Messrs. Sprunt & Son have been greatly expanding their trade abroad. This requires more cotton and they seem to have been going after the staple with the policy that gets it.

The receipts for the week ended yesterday were in sharp contrast with the receipts of the same week last year. For the seven days this year 19,281 bales were brought in against only 2,800 bales during the same week last season when some days less than a hundred bales came into sight. The exports for the week were 37,950 bales, all foreign, against only 16,448 all foreign, same week last season. The domestic exports for the year have been only 3,220, while the foreign shipments have been 320,604. Last year the foreign exports were only 215,762 bales and domestic only 2,200 bales.

The cotton ashore of yesterday's date consisted of 9,853 bales, while 15,852 bales were in the holds of vessels completing cargoes, making a total of 25,705 bales ashore and afloat against 23,093 bales same date last season.

The weekly receipts of naval stores show a marked falling off in spirits and rosins while tar and crude turpentine have about held their own with same week last year. The figures are: Spirits, 129 against 320 same week last year; rosin, 700 against 1,634; tar 1,294 against 1,542 and crude turpentine 439 barrels against 441 same week last season. The crop year receipts to date have been: Spirits, 13,190 against 15,557; rosin, 60,145 against 72,557; tar, 27,169 against 15,575, and crude turpentine, 12,567 against 23,334 up to same date last season.

BOY PAINFULLY HURT

Climbing For Mistletoe Lad Ran Spike Into His Leg Yesterday.

Climbing for mistletoe in the swamp just beyond Hilton Bridge yesterday afternoon with a number of companions of about his own age, engaged in a hunt for holiday greens, Clayton Sullivan, 13 years old, a son of Mr. M. L. Sullivan, No. 513 North Fifth street, slipped down the trunk of a tree and ran a spike into the calf of his right leg, inflicting a very painful but not necessarily a serious wound.

The lad had procured somewhere a pair of climbers' spikes, such as are used by telegraph and telephone linemen, and with these he was engaged with his companion in going up trees, cutting out mistletoe bunches and throwing them to the other boys below. While up a tree just across from Hilton Bridge the spikes buckled to his legs gave way and he slipped down the trunk of the tree, one of the sharp steel points digging to considerable depth into the flesh and striking the bone. He managed to get down the tree and his companions assisted him across the bridge to the water works plant where the boys ran in and excitedly told the men that the boy was bleeding to death. This was almost literally true and he was placed as quickly as possible in the material wagon of the water works company and carried to his home by Foreman James D. Mote. Dr. Frank H. Russell was summoned and gave the boy all necessary attention. He suffered considerably from loss of blood and was quite weak when he was gotten home.

Seminole at Lookout.

The following from yesterday's Baltimore Sun will be read with local interest: "Capt. John Hansen and crew of Lightship No. 72, on Diamond Shoals, made a good piece of salvage on Tuesday when the derelict schooner Augustus Welt was discovered drifting about off the lightship. Captain Hansen placed two men on board and after getting the revenue cutter Seminole to tow the Welt into Cape Lookout Cove the men from the lightship remained on board. The Welt had been abandoned by her master and crew while bound from Carteret for Savannah. They were rescued by the steamer Mohican and landed at Charleston.

Cocoanut any quantities. Warren's Steam Bakery. 2t

THE SCHOOLS CLOSE

City And County Institutions Suspend Exercises Until After The Holidays.

INTERESTING EXERCISES

Hemenway and Union Pupils Appear to Fine Advantage—At Delgado and Wrightsville Sound Schools Last Night.

The public schools of the city closed for the holidays yesterday. The event was marked by an observance of "North Carolina Day" as prescribed by the State Board of Education at the grammar schools and with a farewell holiday greeting of an informal nature at the High School.

The past session has been a very successful one in every respect with the schools and teachers and pupils alike have every reason to enter heartily into the holiday spirit with no thought of books until Monday, December 30th, when the Spring term will open. Superintendent John J. Blair left last night for his old home at High Point to spend the holidays while many of the teachers in the school have also gone home to spend Christmas.

The exercises at both Hemenway and Union schools yesterday morning were well attended by friends and patrons and the pupils in the exercises acquitted themselves most creditably.

The exercises at the Union School where there are more than a thousand pupils enrolled opened with the singing of the doxology and the saying of the Lord's Prayer by the student body, followed by the song, "Shine Out, O Blurred Star," and the following programme was observed:

Recitation, "The Day We Celebrate"—Charles Ellsworth.

Recitation, "Sing a Song of Christmas"—Olivia Hewlett.

Song, "I Won't Play Unless You Coax Me"—William Penny.

Recitation, "Christmas is Coming"—Elizabeth Rountree.

Recitation . "Crinkum Krankum"—Clarence Sternberg.

Recitation—William Penny.

Recitation, "The One Legged Goose"— Eliza Collins.

Santa Claus Song—Willie Monroe, Dorothy Routhe, Rosa Lorenzo, and Kenneth Davis.

"Ho! For Carolina"—By School.

"Old North State"—By School.

Just before the children were dismissed Miss Cook, the principal, stated that the enrollment for the first half of the session had been 1,072 and good work had been done by all the grades.

The exercises at the Hemenway School were held at 9 o'clock and there were present for the exercises Superintendent Blair and Messrs. J. A. Taylor, Sam Bear and W. E. Perdew, of the committee. There, too, the exercises were opened with the doxology and a chant, "The Little Town of Bethlehem" exceedingly well carrying out the significance of Christmas. The order of exercises was as follows:

Composition on "Carolina"—By the Eighth Grade.

"Early Life in North Carolina"—By Murielle McMillan.

"Character of North Carolina Settlers"—By Jewel Cox.

"Mater Mea Carolina"—Seventh Grade—Recitation.

Composition—Sixth Grade.

"Wilmington"—By Daisy Furpless.

Song—"Ho for Carolina"—By the School.

"Lawson's History of North Carolina"—By John Perdew.

Song—"America"—By the School.

A pleasing feature of the exercises was the presentation of a handsome testimonial to Miss Jessie Lupo, who has been the very efficient pianist at the school during the term.

The County Schools.

The county schools also closed for the holidays yesterday and will not re-open until the 30th. In quite all of the districts appropriate exercises were observed. At Wrightsville, the school taught by Miss Wood, a very pretty entertainment was given and this was followed by a spread of dainty refreshments for the benefit of the new Methodist Church fund for that community. The exercises were well attended and all present were delighted with the affair.

The very successful school taught at Delgado closed with appropriate exercises in the building last night. A very pretty Christmas cantata was presented by the pupils, reflecting great credit upon themselves and the teachers who had their training in charge. There was a splendid address by County Superintendent Catlett, of Wilmington, and music was furnished by the Delgado Band. Many Wilmington people attended the exercises and were charmed with what they saw and heard.

Toys, Fancy Christmas Goods and Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street and at Market Street store, under Bonitz Hotel. 4t

Afflictions are the best blessings in disguise.—Longfellow.

All things are full of God.—Cicero.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR

Unfortunates of the Community to be Well Looked After During This Gladsome Holiday—A Special Appeal.

In this year of great plenty, regardless of the little financial flurry which will be but a memory after the dawn of the new year, Christmas will not be an empty festival for the hundreds upon whom fortune has frowned, for the numerous organized bodies of charity in Wilmington and vicinity have completed all arrangements to provide a little of the holiday cheer in all places where one would least expect it.

The number of poor and needy in the city has somewhat increased since last year, according to those who have had occasion to canvass the situation at all, but the various charitably inclined institutions express the utmost confidence in being well able to meet every requirement when their wants are even hinted to the good people of Wilmington and no one will suffer.

Reference has previously been made to the plans of the local post of the Salvation Army and it is gratifying to know that the public has most generously responded to the appeal recently made. The Army will not only give a Christmas tree on Thursday following Christmas but on Christmas day hundreds of baskets laden with substantials and little articles of wear and the like will be taken around to adult members of families, the children from which will later be remembered at the Christmas tree in the barracks on North Front street.

The churches and lodges of the city will likewise do a wonderful amount of charity work upon this gladsome occasion. The characteristic giving of alms by the Elks at this season of the year is known and read of by all men in spite of the fact that care is always taken to see that this charity is not advertised. The Wilmington lodge may be depended upon to do its full share on this occasion and it is known that arrangements to this end are already being made. Other lodges in Wilmington make it their pleasant duty of remembering families of deceased members upon such occasions as Thanksgiving and Christmas and these arrangements are already made for the year 1908.

Paradoxical as it may seem Christmas will be made a day of cheer for not a few who will spend the gladsome holiday in local penal institutions. These have not been forgotten. Sheriff Cowan and Jailer E. S. Capps have 36 unfortunates in the county prison and they are arranging to see that they have a Christmas dinner which will verify man's humanity to man. For all the prisoners in the county jail there will be a substantial dinner of barbecue, rice and such other substantials and delicacies as out of their goodness they can provide. The sixty-odd convicts out at the county stockade in East Wilmington are also to be remembered if there is any sort of response to an appeal to the public that is here made. Last year the Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church, established the annual custom of visiting these unfortunates on the chain gang and also visiting the poor and needy at the County Home, bestowing upon them such delicacies and substantials as a generous public through the aid of the pastor might provide. This year Rev. Mr. Parker will not be here to fulfill this pleasant mission, as he leaves this morning for his new station at Dunn, but the Rev. W. E. Hocutt, the newly appointed pastor of Bladen Street Church, has taken up the work where Rev. Mr. Parker has left it off, and he would be glad to receive any donations of confectioneries, candies and the like that may be donated or money that may be given for anything that might be bought to give a spark of cheer to these people on the gladsome holiday. These donations may either be sent to the parsonage at 815 North Fifth street or a message to phone 1390 will bring some one for the contributions. Mr. Hocutt is not very well acquainted in Wilmington as yet and cannot systematically canvass those who would like to contribute to this worthy object, but he would be very glad to have any responses in the way indicated.

MERCHANTS ARE CARELESS

Four Stores Left Open in One Night. Mayor Has a Word.

Mayor Springer asks that merchants and proprietors of business houses down town exercise a greater care in seeing that their places are closed at night. It is hard enough for the police to prevent storebreaking and burglaries when the property owners close their places after hours but when stores are wantonly left open night after night, it is not up to the delinquents in this respect to "squeal" when a thief enters and carries off half they have got. Only night before last the policemen on the beats down town, who have the "trying of doors" as a part of their manifold duties, reported four places of business left unlocked for the night. Employes should be cautioned to look more carefully into this matter as the present is an opportune time for sneak thieves to get in their work and the least opportunity offered is at once embraced by the criminal class, many of whom are now out of work.

CALL LEGISLATURE

Governor Back From Washington And Speaks of Extra Session in January.

ON THE RATE COMPROMISE

Southern States to Enter Upon General Agreement—The Wood Case. Naval Militia Order—Two Charters Issued.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 20.—On his return from Washington this morning Governor Glenn said the terms of compromise agreed to between himself and President Finley, of the Southern Railway—2 1-2 cent passenger rate inter- and intra-State with mileage books at 2 and 2 1-4 cents—has been agreed to also by the Seaboard Air Line, Norfolk & Southern, Norfolk & Western, and the Carolina & Northwestern, leaving only the Atlantic Coast Line holding out of the settlement. This settlement of the pending litigation, he said, is subject to two conditions. The first is that the same rates be adopted by other Southern states, including Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. The Governor says he is informed that South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia have already agreed and Virginia is now considering the matter. The second condition is that the Legislature of North Carolina shall ratify the compromise. The Governor says if the Legislature is called together it will be some time between the fifth and fifteenth of January.

The Governor says there is also an agreement between the Southern and himself that the famous Wood habeas corpus case from Asheville, involving the rate litigation between the State and the Southern shall continue to a decree regardless of the compromise to the end that the State and the railroads may know the authority and status of each.

The Governor expresses his conviction that the compromise he has effected will be more beneficial to the State than the present 2 1-4 cent rate which precipitated the litigation; also that it will be best for the railroads in that with amicable adjustment between the railroads and the states the railroads will be in better position to get needed money to carry out improvements and the relations between the people and the railroads will be more friendly.

The Governor took occasion to say that he thinks the State will win in the habeas corpus case from Asheville, argued in Washington before the Supreme Court of the United States Wednesday. He says the speeches for the State were splendid and seemed to him unanswerable. But even with the case won, he says, the terms of settlement just agreed to are best and that he hopes the Legislature will see its way to ratify what has been done. He says if he calls the Legislature he will issue with the call a statement to the people setting out all the facts and purposes that have actuated him in the course pursued.

There was issued today from the office of the Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard a commission to Thomas Thomas as lieutenant of the Sixth Division, Naval Militia, Beaufort.

The Curl-Perry Co., of Creedmore, was chartered today with $25,000 capital by A. L. Curl, J. E. Harris and others for a general mercantile business. Another charter is to the L. E. Corey Grocery Co., of Williamston, capital $25,000 authorized and $5,000 subscribed.

MARRIED AT BURGAW

Miss Annie D. Moore, the Bride of Rev. W. P. M. Currie.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 20.—Last evening the Presbyterian Church of Burgaw was a scene of beauty. A large assemblage of interested friends were present to witness the marriage of Miss Annie D. Moore and the Rev. William Pinckney Martin Currie. The ushers were Messrs. Graham Moore, of Newport News, Va.; Avery Burr Croom, of Burgaw; Bernice Moore, of Burgaw, and W. L. Hand, of Newbern; the bridesmaids, Misses Zelma Bland, Carrie Hand, Maggie Williams, Mary and Janette Moore, of Burgaw, and Janie Culbreth, of Fayetteville. They were chamingly gowned in white chiffon and carried pink and white carnations. The bride was lovely in a gown of white silk Evelianne and real lace, the veil being caught with a beautiful pearl brooch, the gift of the groom. She carried an exquisite bouquet of bride's roses. The groom was attended as best man by Dr. L. B. Evans, of Clarkton. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. J. H. Moore, and when the party had assembled at the altar, Rev. Robert Murphy Williams, of Greensboro, pronounced the solemn words which united the couple in marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Currie left on the evening train for Wallace where they will be at home to friends.

Gibbs candy in swell packages for Xmas. Warren's Steam Bakery. 2t

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DO ANIMALS REASON?

Mr. John Burroughs, a nature writed possessed of that rare thing among those of his kind, the full approval of the United States President, states, in an article in a recent magazine that "animals do not reason."

We were inclined to doubt the statement at the time of its perusal, but in the absence of concrete testimony to the contrary, available at the moment, we refrained from argument and decided it best to bide our time.

If animals "do not reason," how does Mr. Burroughs explain the following story which we have taken from the news columns of the New York Tribune and which, we doubt not, is absolutely true.

"Samuel Castelina, of South Vineland, has a son eighteen months old and a rooster one year of age. This boy and the rooster are inseparable companions and the father says that on numerous occasions the bird has saved the boy from injury.

"A five-year-old cousin of the boy came into the yard yesterday, and after a few minutes there was a quarrel. The five-year-old boy began to spank the little fellow, when the rooster heard the racket and came with head down and feathers and wings up. A miniature cyclone struck the older boy, and when he got his breath he bolted for the gate. The rooster mounted the wash tub by the side of his little friend and was loud in his proclamations against corporal punishment."

There you are. There is not the slightest shadow of a doubt in our mind that the rooster herein cited knew through a definite mental process just what he was doing, why and wherefore.

Reason told him that his little playmate of eighteen months would get decidedly the worst of a scrimmage with a five-year-old antagonist. Had it been a fight "on the level," as Mr. John Lawrence Sullivan would say, doubtless there would have been no interference on the part of the rooster.

But things looked different and Mr. Rooster rushed madly to the rescue, "head down and feathers and wings up," like a "miniature cyclone." Why did he assume all this "pomp and circumstance of war" if it was not because he understood instinctively at least, the niceties of the code duello in such cases provided, and would make no assault under false colors or pretense.

And again, what happened at the conclusion of the bout? The rooster mounted a washtub and was "loud in his proclamation against corporal punishment. "He evidenced his joy—the righteous joy of victory, well and honorably achieved—by long and prolonged crowing, we were about to say applause. Did he do this from force of habit? Not a bit of it. Reason told him that such conduct was in order, just as it tells human beings the same thing in like emergencies. He crowed because he was proud of his conduct, proud of his ability to defend his little playfellow against the wicked and overbearing.

The entire incident from the first impulse to battle to the final and conclusive crow, was reasoned out along lines entirely in accord with the most marked human standards and rules of phychological procedure.

No; never tell us again that "animals do not reason." They do; and to contend otherwise is to render ourself absurd.

MISER HADLEY'S EXAMPLE.

It is easy enough to condemn the manner of living of Benjamin Hadley, who has just died at the age of 90 years in Louisville, Miss., leaving millions of money.

Hadley was mean, grasping, unclean and ignorant. He had spent all of his days in one neighborhood, except for a single journey to New Hampshire, many years ago, and he made that trip solely to get more money.

He was not a church goer and never was inside of a theatre or circus. He abstained from tobacco and whiskey but simply because he would not spend his money for them.

It is possible that he had as much happiness as his narrow mind was capable of enjoying. A miser, at best, is a miserable creature but not more contemptible than a glutton or spendthrift. They are the two extremes.

Many of us have more clothes than we need to wear and have so much of sight-seeing and theatre-going that our minds are filled with vague and useless impressions. We travel eagerly, aimlessly and get small good from our journeys. We hear so much music and see so many pictures that our aesthetic sense is blunted and deranged.

Hadley was both an obnoxious and uncommon man. His life shows how little of the world's comforts and pleasures one actually needs. Of self denial he made a hideous vice but for one Hadley there are tens of thousands of his fellow-men who abjure thrift and self denial and reach wretchedness by another road. Few of them, however, leave millions when they die.

THE BOY AND THE CIGARETTE.

Mayor Thorp of Rocky Mount appears to be "on to his job" and it would not be a bad idea for some of the executive officers of other towns and cities to follow his example.

The Mayor in question, has issued orders to his police to pay special attention to violations of the law against selling cigarettes to minors and he's instructed them to proceed against any dealer who can be caught in the act of selling the little "coffin tacks" contrary to law. His honor goes still further, as if to encourage the officers of the law, and promises that anyone brought before him and found guilty will have to pay the full penalty.

The Rocky Mount Record says:

"A day or two ago, while sitting in his office the Mayor saw, out at the rear of his office two urchins, hardly 10 years old, puffing away on cigarettes. Quietly the judge approached them and asked where they obtained the little rolls. One of the lads spoke up and said he bought them from a certain dealer, but investigation satisfied his honor that this was not so. However, that they do buy them or get them some way, is a certainty, and Judge Thorp is determined to make those suffer who furnish them.

A HOSTILE ATTITUDE.

We were very much interested in an editorial in this week's Commercial and Financial Chronicle of New York; in speaking of the financial stiuation, it says:

"The downward course of the stock market this week, after the upward spurt last week, is evidence that confidence in security values has not yet been restored. Nor can there be any enduring revival, unless the causes responsible for the destruction of the credit and value of our railroads and of corporate property generally are removed. There is a disposition in certain quarters to think that all that is needed is a return of normal monetary conditions, and then improvement will at once set in and continue indefinitely until market quotations get back to their former figures and everything goes along swimmingly again."

Our readers need hardly be told that this is a wholly mistaken notion. The hostile attitude of Government and Legislature, both State and National, is at the bottom of the existing distrust, and the remedy must be applied at that point. In other words, there must be a reversal of our previous attitude towards the large corporate agencies through whose instrumentality modern business activity is carried on.

A statement recently published has caused the Postoffice Department to call attention to the law governing writing upon mail matter of the third and fourth classes.

The law reads as follows:

"Such inscriptions as "Merry Christmas," 'Happy New Year,' 'With best wishes.' etc., together with the name and address of the addressee and of the sender may be written upon mail matter of the third and fourth classes, or upon a card enclosed therewith, without affecting its classification."

That order of the Postmaster General to postmasters, instructing them to deliver letters addressed to Santa Claus to any well disposed person, in the community, that will be likely to appreciate the appeal, looks as though it might have been intended as a bit of Christmas pleasantry. The letter carriers of the country, however, where burdens hardly need to be made heavier during this season, will not appreciate the joke.

"Suppose that somewhere, many miles from Washington, Bob Evans and the Mikado should come face to face?" suggests the Milltown (Va.) Banner.

Well, suppose they should? Provided Georgia, Alabama, Maine, Kansas and other Prohibition settlements are ruled out, we think we know just about what would happen.

"I am certainly a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination," says Governor John Johnson. If there is one thing the American people admire it is straight forward frankness and this looks to us like a good fair sample of that commodity.

The day after the Republican Governor was inaugurated down in Kentucky, the State was visited by a heavy frost. Wouldn't the Democrats have been pleased if this had happened on election day.

THE FOOD VALUE OF
Baker's Cocoa
is attested by
127 Years of Constantly Increasing Sales

50 Highest Awards in Europe and America

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We have always maintained the highest standard in the quality of our cocoa and chocolate preparations and we sell them at the lowest price for which unadulterated articles can be put upon the market.

Walter Baker & Co., Ltd.
Established 1780 DORCHESTER, MASS.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Having traveled the entire world over, Mr. Taft has probably concluded that there is nothing in it more interesting than the Ohio situation.—Washington Star.

—Washington is not the only place. Lots of other relations are strained just now trying to buy Christmas presents appropriate to the front they put up.—Indianapolis News.

—Raleigh talks like she is not so certain about laying the dispensary on the cooling board. It is not easy to kill the goose that is laying the golden egg if the people can see the egg.—Greensboro Record.

—Mexico is alarmed at the movement of the great American fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific, while Japan views the voyage complacently. This affords an interesting suggestion as to which of the two countries is the more civilized.—Greensboro Telegram.

—Clear thinkers, clean-cut writers, who can condense their thoughts, are so rare that they are in great demand. Everything is covered up with words, words, words. The whole tendency of modern life is toward diffusion. Rhetorical condensation is becoming a lost art.—Success.

—Judge Gray for President and William J. Bryan for vice president, suggests the Washington Post, with this ticket, says the Post, "the arrogant and cocksure Republican party would come down off its high horse in a jiffy, and the United States would see a campaign the like of which has never been seen in this or any other country.—Florida Times-Union.

TWINKLINGS.

—Nell—Do you think you could love him if he were rich? Belle—I could try harder.—Philadelphia Record.

—Brother—You can't think how nervous I was when I proposed. Sister—You can't think how nervous she was until you did.—Town and Country.

—"Get many ducks?" "Naw; this gun's no good. Whenever I'd shoot at a bird the report was so loud that it scared him away."—Cleveland Leader.

—He—Jones says in this letter that his new car is 50-horsepower. She—That is not so. I saw two horses hauling it along the street the other day.—Illustrated Bits.

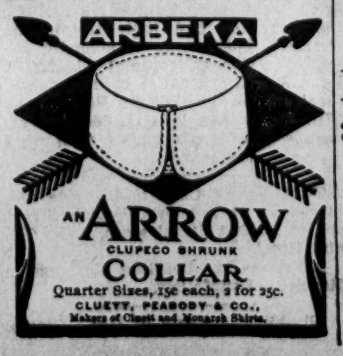
—Stern Patent (anxious to impress the lesson)—Now, my son, tell me why I have caned you? Tommy (bitterly)—Bo-hoo! There, you've given me a good lickin' and don't even know what for.—Chicago News.

—"Do you think women are more optimistic than men?" "Sure thing. A woman may look under her bed every night for forty years without finding a man there, yet she keeps right on hoping."—Chicago Record-Herald.

—Weggie—I say, old chappie, the papah says there will be a lot of meteors this month. How do these astronomer Johnnies know that, what? Willie—Deah me, how dense you are! They look in the almanac.—Cleveland Leader.

COLDS CAUSE HEADACHE
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. Used the world over to Cure a Cold in One Day. E. W. Grove's signature on box. 25c

Fancy Pillow Tops, Germantown yarns, Peerless slipper soles, Children's bear skin suits, raincoats, Crawford shoes, at Rehder's, the Big Store, North Fourth street. 4t



Christmas Suggestions
From Our Stock
Let This Be a Year of Practical Gifts.

Fine Pearl Handled KNIVES for the ladies.
Pearl and Stag Handle KNIVES for the gentlemen.
JACK KNIVES for the boys.
CHAIN POCKET KNIVES for the children.
MANICURE SETS for ladies.
MANICURE SETS for gentlemen.
MANICURE SCISSORS.
NAIL SCISSORS.
EMBROIDERY SCISSORS.
FANCY SCISSORS.
GILLETTE SAFETY RAZORS.
EVER READY $1.00 SAFETY RAZORS.
STAR SAFETY RAZORS.
CORN KNIVES.
RAZOR SETS.
STROPS.
LIBRARY SCISSORS.
SILVER KNIVES AND FORKS.
SILVER TEA AND TABLE SPOONS.
MEAT FORKS.
SAVORY ROASTERS plain Agate or Agate and Nickeled $1.00 to $3.00.
RIFLES for the boys $1.50.
BREECHLOADERS $4.00 to $40.00.
COFFEE PERCOLATORS.
REVOLVERS (S. & W. and Iver Johnson).
BOYS HANDLED AXES.
TEA AND COFFEE POTS.
MAJESTIC RANGES.
MAJESTIC WASHING MACHINES.
BAKING DISHES.
BREAD AND CAKE MIXERS.
FOOD CHOPPERS.
FRENCH CHEF CARVERS, Stag Handle and Ivory.
MEAT AND GAME CARVING SETS—Silver Trimmed.
JOSEPH ROGERS & SONS CARVERS.
CRUMB TRAYS.
CUSPIDORS.
FINE BRASS GOODS.
FAMILY SCALES.
FIRE DOGS, Bronze and Brass.
ASBESTOS SAD IRON, Separate or in Sets.
And hundreds of other useful Articles.

We Never Sleep
N. Jacobi Hardware Co.
dec 6-tf.

New Toys and Dolls
On Display This Week at
GAYLORD'S
DEPARTMENT STORE

FIRE WORKS
For XMAS GOODS Go to GAYLORD'S

Baby Carriages at GAYLORD'S

Wholesale and Retail DOLLS AND TOYS

GEO. O. GAYLORD
DEPARTMENT STORE
dec 8 tf

Mattings, Art Squares and Lace Curtains
In addition to a large Stock of Dry Goods and Notions I have put in Mattings, Art Squares and Lace Curtains, and ask the public to inspect before buying.
J. WEIL, 116 Market St.
Sole Agents for THE NEMO CORSET and MAY MANTON PATTERNS.

Well Pleased With Our Purchases

We are showing the most complete line of Xmas goods in the city.

Diamonds, Watches, Broaches, Chains, Lockets, Bracelets, Pins, Fountain Pens, Fobs, Rings, Shaving Sets, Manicure Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, Silver Services, Silver Novelties, Brass Goods, Fancy China, Vases, Fine Dinner Sets, Etc.

F. A. BISSINGER.
119 Market.
dec 10 tf

MAKE HAY....
and let us Sell you a HAY PRESS.
to be worked by horse power, making neat small bales. Bagging and Ties, are going to be in good demand and you should buy now.
Full stock Heavy Groceries.
The Worth Co.

STATEMENT

Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$1,767,886 59
N. C. State Bonds	55,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	450,000 00
Bank Building	25,000 00
Cash	891,114 25
	$3,189,000,84

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	227,211 61
Circulation	425,000 00
Deposits	1,936,789 23
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
	$3,189,000,84

DEPOSITS:

December 3rd, 1903, $1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, $1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, $1,936,789 23
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Seasonable Goods
Cocoanuts, Mixed Nuts, Raisins. Apples, Etc. Bagging and Ties.
A Full Line of Heavy Groceries.
Hall & Pearsall, INC.
nov 23 tf

A Gift Worth While
The money spent for trinkets by the average family at Christmas time would buy an Edison Phonograph. The trinkets last about as long as Christmas does. The Edison Phonograph affords enjoyment day after day and year after year. The trinkets please only the individual recipients. The Edison Phonograph offers a continuous round of pleasure for the whole family.
It is the greatest music-maker of the age. It brings into the home circle all of the world's music, rendering with wonderful faithfulness whatever song, instrumental piece, or orchestral selection is desired.
Make this Christmas the merriest of all by having for its chief feature an.
EDISON PHONOGRAPH.
December Records now on sale.
J. W. ROBINSON & CO.
205 PRINCESS STREET.
nov 26 tf

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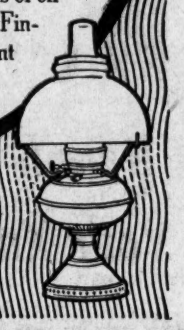
Where you want it—
When you want it—
No smoke—no smell—no trouble.

Often you want heat in a hurry in some room in the house the furnace does not reach. It's so easy to pick up and carry a

PERFECTION Oil Heater

(Equipped with Smokeless Device)

to the room you want to heat—suitable for any room in the house. It has a real smokeless device absolutely preventing smoke or smell—turn the wick as high as you can or as low as you like—brass font holds 4 quarts of oil that gives out glowing heat for 9 hours. Finished in japan and nickel—an ornament anywhere. Every heater warranted.



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is the lamp for the student or reader. It gives a brilliant, steady light that makes study a pleasure. Made of brass, nickel plated and equipped with the latest improved central draft burner. Every lamp warranted.

If you cannot obtain the Perfection Oil Heater or Rayo Lamp from your dealer write to our nearest agency for descriptive circular,

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Belle of Virginia Rye deserves its name, and the name is certainly one of distinction and old-time aristocracy. It's a whiskey we are proud of on account of its purity and high quality and its hosts of admiring friends who will drink nothing else. Belle of Virginia is a blend—a scientific, uniform blend of pure, old goods. It's a whiskey with a flavor, and a fine, invigorating after-effect long to be remembered by those who drink it. Try it and you will make no mistake.

Sold at the places where gentlemen go to get a drink.

J. & E. MAHONEY
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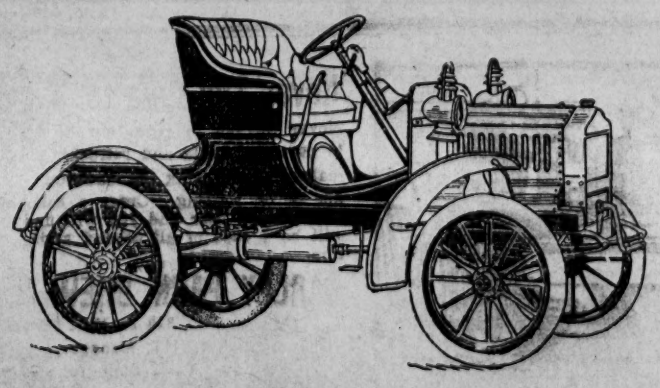
THE WHISKEY WITH ANCESTRY

The Season for Sporting Goods Is On

Call in and let us show you complete line of Remington hammer and hammerless Guns. The celebrated Baker, all grades. Also fine line of Belgium Hammer Guns, Gun Covers, Leggins and a large and assorted stock of Ammunition.

WM. E. SPRINGER & COMPANY

THE PEERLESS MAXWELL



Guaranteed for 12 months and will last ten years.

FRANK HERBST. Sole Agent.

The Colonel's Kid

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Among the batch of forty recruits received at Fort Blank one day from Jefferson Barracks was one who attracted attention immediately from his superior looks and bearing. He had an aristocratic face, a good figure, and it was evident at a glance that he did not belong among that crowd. Private Harker had not been in the barracks an hour when it had been determined from colonel to corporal that he was a man who must be disciplined.

Colonel Banks had lost his wife two years before, but he had not sent his little daughter Edith east among relatives, as it had been supposed he would do. She was a handsome, sunny haired child of ten, and he clung to her and had an aunt come out and act as his housekeeper and a mother to the motherless. Scarcely any one at the fort gave the child her name when speaking of her. She was referred to affectionately as the colonel's kid.

The colonel's kid stood holding her father's hand when the recruits lined up for roll call. Her eyes roved along the line until they rested on Harker, and there they paused. There was that in his face that attracted her, and she secretly determined to be friends with him. He saw her from his place in the ranks, and his face softened. He dared not smile at her, but more friendliness came into his heart than had been there for many a day. The next day, and the next, and the next, he saw her from a distance while he was being drilled. On the fourth day, while he was doing sentry duty at the flagstaff, she came walking up to him and held out her hand and said:

"I like you. Won't you shake hands?"

Private Harker's face was all smiles as he took her hand and assured her that he liked her in return and that back in the east he had a little niece who looked almost like her. Ten minutes later the colonel's kid was back in Officers' row with tears in her eyes, and Private Harker was in the guardhouse. It was a tremendous breach of discipline he had committed. Never before in the history of the American army, according to the sergeant, had a sentry on duty dared to pause in his monotonous tramp and ground arms and shake the colonel's daughter by the hand. The captain agreed with the sergeant, and Private Harker got five days' confinement. He knew that spite was the foundation, and he set his jaw hard. He had been at liberty only three days when fault was found with him at inspection of barracks. He answered back, and this time it was ten days in the guardhouse. At the end of that time he was called before the colonel.

In barracks even the children know what goes on. The colonel's kid had learned that Private Harker had been disgraced for shaking hands with her. She defended him. When he received his second sentence, she defended him more vigorously. In fact, she wept over it and was scolded by her father and aunt. Men and women make friendships in an hour, but their judgment is not as good as the intuition of a child. The kid had taken a liking to Private Harker, and they argued in vain. The colonel was upset over it. He was in angry mood when he received the recruit. There was nothing he could do officially, and yet he would not talk as man to man.

"Private Harker," he began, "I am sorry to hear bad reports of you. If you begin this way, where will you end? You may be above the common run, sir, but let me tell you that you can put on no airs here. If I catch you tripping again, I shall put you down as a trouble maker and act accordingly. Go to your quarters, sir."

The intent had been to humiliate him, and the soldier knew it. From that hour on he had but one object in view. It took him three months to accomplish it, but in the end he had talked revolt until the 200 rank and file at the post were ripe for it. They would leave the fort and scatter among the mines and ranches. Before leaving they would kill four or five of the officers that had been marked down. Never was a conspiracy better planned or a secret better kept. Not the slightest hint reached the officers' ears or the ears of those who would remain loyal. At 10 o'clock at night the 200 would arm, parade and march out in the face of the officers, and there would be shooting done before the last of them left the gate.

The signal was to be given by Private Harker—a musket shot. He had planned for days that the ball from that musket should find the colonel's heart. He would reach the colonel's quarters and fire on him through an open window. They had kept the kid out of his sight for weeks, and he did not take her into account in his planning. It was her father he meant to kill, but her feelings were not considered. When the night came, he slipped out of barracks, dodged across the parade ground and skulked up a dark alley and reached the point aimed at. The evening was warm, and the colonel had fallen ascleep as he sat over his papers. The soldier raised his musket and drew a fair bead for the officer's heart, and his finger was pressing the trigger when a hand was gently laid on his arm. He lowered his musket to find the kid by his side and standing on her tiptoes to whisper:

"Don't shoot him. He is my father. He don't like you, but for my sake don't shoot him."

Private Harker bent down and kissed the child and then walked away and out of the fort and was never seen again. The signal did not come, and the waiting conspirators cowered in their bunks and made no move. The colonel's kid had saved the day.

M. QUAD.

GUION & DAVIS,

Barbers and Hair Dressers.

Are still at the old stand, No. 7 South Front street, where they are prepared, as usual, to serve the public in the best style. Everything necessary to the comfort and complete satisfaction of our patrons.

For Xmas Trade...

1 Car Load Raisins,
Peaches,
Prunes.

California Extra Standard, Stander, Lemon Cling and Yellow Free.

Canned Peaches—nothing better obtainable. Come around and see us.

F. E. HASHAGEN CO.
WHOLESALE GROCERS.

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Something to "Lean On"

and a visible means of practical support is a good, substantial Bank Account. Once you have a good balance at your banker's, you do not care how things go, because you feel practically independent. And the only way to get a Bank Account is to save, and save, and acquire riches by patient thrift. We can help you do this by taking care of your savings and paying you a good interest thereon. Do not delay, but start saving at once.

Carolina Savings & Trust Co.

In the big white building, Corner Front and Princess streets.

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Do Your Christmas Buying NOW!

Before the rush begins.

Many new suggestions in our stock this year, a full variety of many little things of beauty and worth that make most acceptable gifts, at moderate cost. Books, Pictures, Leather Goods, Metal Novelties, Fine Stationery Cabinets, Christmas Cards and Calendars, etc., etc.

Take ample time to make your selections and have them laid aside until you wish them delivered.

Prompt and polite attention to all.

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We have the Nobbiest Line of Xmas Slippers In the City.

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We carry the largest and most complete assortment of Wines and Liquors in the city.

Sold at reasonable prices and quality guaranteed. Ask for price list and mail us your order.

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OPPOSITE UNION DEPOT.
Wilmington, N. C.

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Canary Birds and Parrots

Imported and native Canaries, good singers; Mexican and Cuban Parrots, in cages, make acceptable Christmas Presents. For sale by

W. W. KING, Jr.,
At Solomon's Shoe Store.

Removal Notice

This is to notify my friends and patrons and any others who may be interested, that I have moved my office from 16 Princess St., to the Odd Fellows' Building, Room 15. I have houses, building lots, cemetery lots, farms, timber lands, bank stock, mill stock and mercantile stock from Charleston, W. Va., to Titusville, Fla., For sale, a few good renting propositions. Call and see me at Room 15, Odd Fellows' Building.

G. W. SHEPARD
The Real Estate Man.

Christmas Gifts

A Christmas gift to be appreciated, is one that is useful and lasting. We have an especial fine selection at our new location, consisting of:

Rogers Silver Plated Knives and Forks,
Rogers Silver Plated Spoons,
Fine Carving Sets,
Pocket and Table Cutlery, Scissors, Desk Sets, Razors and Razor Strops, Ever Ready and Gillette Safety Razors, Rifles and Shot Guns, and many other articles not mentioned here.

Sloan & Sweeney
Phone 332 **18 S. Front St.**

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THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

"The Store That's Always Busy"

The only Dry Goods Store giving away free **Red Southern Trading Stamps**, which you will see by reading the list of merchants published in this advertisement.

Make your money do double duty every morning until Christmas. **We will give away DOUBLE TRADING STAMPS** every day from 8 o'clock to 12 noon. That is for every ten cent purchase you get two trading stamps, the kind that are redeemed at the Premium Store on Market Street—who have just received a handsome line of Premiums, such as Hand Painted China, Cut Glass, Bric a Brac, Furniture, pictures and a thonsand other useful articles. We shall only give one stamp during the remainder of the day.

The Toy Department occupies our entire basement floor—all the latest novelties in toys are shown.

List of merchants giving Red Southern Trading Stamps in our city.

J. T. Burke	Jeweler	27 So. Front
J. H. Borneman	Grocer	8th & Wooster
S. F. Craig	Grocer	605 N. Front
J. H. Taylor	Grocer	131 Market
J. W. Murchison & Co.	Hardware	109 N. Front
A. H. Benson	Grocer	924 So. 3rd
W. Munroe & Co.	Furniture	15-17 So. Front
R. A. Montgomery	Groceries & Meats	8th & Princess
Levi McMillan	Shoes, 2 stores	4th & Princess
C. W. Polvogt Co.	Dry Goods	123 N. Front
Rice & Claud	Furniture	607 N. Fourth
Chas. Richter	Grocer	928 N. Fourth
J. Shrien	Clothing	Front & Princess
E. A. Todd	Grocer	7th & Castle
C. W. Yates & Co.	Books & Stationary	117 Market
J. Laughlin & Co.	Grocer	601 So. Front

Watch our window display from day to day.

Our Carpet Department on second floor is full of useful Christmas presents—Down Quilts, Rugs, Fancy Pillows, Couch Covers, Blankets, Art Squares, Portieres, Lace Curtains, etc., etc.

The C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY
The largest users of Red Southern Trading Stamps in the State.

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Advertising Pays Best in The Morning Star

The Morning Star.

Saturday, December 21, 1907.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21, 1907.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Friday, December 20:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 34 degrees; 8 P. M., 48 degrees; maximum, 52 degrees; minimum, 33 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, 1.73.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Thursday 18 feet 1 inch.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Saturday, Sunday partly cloudy; light variable winds, mostly east.

Port Calendar—Dec. 21.

Sun Rises .....7:07 A. M.
Sun Sets .....4:48 P. M.
Day's Length .....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 8:47 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 11:17 A. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mrs. George H. West, of Newton, N. C., is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. H. McL. Green.

—Mr. Hill Humphrey, of Jacksonville, N. C., was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

—Miss Lucy McIntosh has arrived from the Presbyterian College to spend the Christmas holidays.

—Messrs. Fred Poisson, Robert Strange and Lee Gore are among the Wilmington collegians at home for the holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Schloss, who have been spending some time in New York, are expected to return to the city on Sunday.

—Mrs. William Rand Kenan, Mrs. Jesse K. Wise and Miss Sarah Kenan left yesterday for St. Augustine, Fla., to spend Christmas as the guests of Mrs. Henry M. Flagler.

—Mrs. F. F. Smith, who for the past six months has been with the Standard Oil Company as stenographer, left yesterday for his home. It is understood that he will not return to Wilmington.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Wilson and Master Edwin M., Jr. of Haverford, Pa., are in the city on a visit to Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McL. Green, 406 South Third street.

—Miss Elise Kidder returned yesterday morning from Baltimore where she has been in college. She will spend the holidays in Wilmington with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kidder.

—Mr. Willard Reid, of the Browning Engineering Company of Cleveland, Ohio, who has been in the city the past ten days installing a locomotive coal crane for the Atlantic Coast Line out on the new yards at Smith's Creek, returned to his home yesterday after having completed the work here. While in the city, Mr. Reid was a guest at the home of his brother-in-law, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

"TILESTON TOPICS."

Highly Creditable Magazine by Pupils of the High School.

The editors and managers as well as the entire student body of the Wilmington High School are to be congratulated upon the appearance yesterday of their new magazine, "Tileston Topics" which is just from the press. It is an attractive publication of 24 pages and is well filled with interesting and well written articles of a news and literary character. "Cupid's Garden" is a charming little story delightfully told by Miss Louise Rutland, '10; "The Haunted House" is another just as good by Miss Rebecca Love Johnson, '10, while George Clark, '10, gives an interesting and most readable account of "A Partridge Hunt," the scene of which is laid on Masonboro Sound, near Wilmington. In addition to these special features Miss Mary Owen Green, '09, one of the associate editors, discusses several matters of importance to the school, and Miss Alice Noble, one of the editors in chief gives some interesting items of school news, including the class organization. Miss Noble also writes interestingly some Alumnae notes with regard to former pupils of the institution. "Current Events" are treated in splendid manner by Nicholas Post, '09, associate editor. The Athletic Department is well handled by Henry Mercer, '08, one of the editors in chief.

The magazine will be issued quarterly during the school year by the students and it will be ten cents per copy or 35 cents per year. For advertising rates and all other information, application should be made to Charles Davis, business manager, or Paul Lupo, assistant business manager.

HESTER'S STATEMENT

Visible Supply of Cotton is Less Than Last Year.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 4,379,009, against 4,164,497 last week and 4,880,956 last year.

Of this, the total of American cotton is 3,464,133 against 3,294,621 last week and 3,937,956 last year and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 914,876 last week and 943,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe, 2,335,000 against 2,199,000 last year; in Egypt 223,000 against 217,000 last year, in India 342,000 against 405,000 last year and in the United States 1,479,000 against 2,060,000 last year.

Toys, Fancy Christmas Goods and Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street and at Market Street store, under Bonitz Hotel 4t

LOCAL DOTS.

—Friends of Chief of Police Williams will regret to know that he is confined to his home with lagrippe. He will likely be laid up for several days.

—The holiday dance of L'Arioso German Club will take place on the night of Thursday, December 26th in the Masonic Temple ball room. Invitations to the german are extended only through the invitation committee.

—The Star has received information that the recent order discontinuing the postoffice at Clear Run, Sampson county, has been revoked to take effect June 30th, 1908. Mail for this office will continue to come via Tomahawk as before.

—The new year calendar being sent out by the wholesale dry goods firm of Morris Bear & Bros is one of the handsomest creations ever seen as a holiday greeting. The art panel is "The Matinee Girl" by Arthur, magnificently done in colors.

THE POLICE COURT

Number of Offenders Before His Honor Yesterday at Noon.

"It looks like old times," the Mayor was prompted to remark yesterday at noon when he took his seat in police court and glanced over the array of penitents who smiled benignly at him from the bench of hope-left-behind.

James Williams and James Holt, young negroes arrested for vagrancy by Officer C. E. Wood up at the Coast Line shed yesterday morning about daylight, said that they came down to Wilmington from the white cotton fields of the interior looking for work. The employment bureau over which the Mayor presides succeeded in placing them with Superintendent Hocutt of the road force, for 30 days each.

Hattie Kelly and Tom Foster, arrested by Officers F. George and J. H. Dew, respectively, were each let off with the costs for trifling offences of disorderly conduct and a harmless drunk. John Moore, also arrested by Officer F. George, mixed booze with an inate desire to make himself heard, and was taxed with $5 and costs. The same was the portion of Eli Herring, arrested by Officer J. M. Lord for a second offence of being drunk and down.

George Bryant escaped with the costs upon his introduction to the court by Officer Leon George as a driver who had trotted his steed around one of the prominent down town corners when the streets were full of holiday shoppers.

R. L. McLeod, found down and out for the 'steenth time by Officer C. G. Jones, had a 30-day sentence on the roads hung over his head, conditioned upon his good behavior in the future.

Rachel Moore, colored, drunk and arrested by Officer M. A. Jones, was assigned to horticultural work at the county farm until after the holidays. Charles Mulford, arrested by Officer J. B. Hall, for being drunk and down, received the same.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE

White Man Who Insisted on Sleeping on Railroad Track.

"Go Way and Let Me Sleep" was the song of a very drunk young white man from the country who gave the bridge tender no end of trouble at Hilton yesterday afternoon.

The young man gave the name of W. H. Schacley or Stackley and appeared at Hilton soon after the dinner hour, walked out on the draw of the bridge and lay down to sleep between the rails shortly before the hour for the Carolina Central and Columbia trains to go out, at the same time running no end of risk of being run over by numerous shifting engines plying between Wilmington and Navassa and Almont factory.

The watchman at the bridge hurried out to get the man off the bridge, but the sleeper was indignant that he should be interrupted and told the railroad man to go away and let him sleep. He was told that it was about time for the trains to come over the bridge but he replied somewhat stronger than he didn't give a rap and the watchman was forced to take him bodily off the draw.

He went out in the woods a little way to sleep, but finally came back to the railway line and coiled up between the rails at a point near the cotton seed oil mill. Constable Savage appeared on the scene about that time and at the request of the railroad men the trespasser was arrested for being drunk and down. He was carried before Justice Furlong and remained long enough to come to himself.

The actions of the young man in persistently coming on the track and lying down between the rails gave a suggestion that perhaps he was attempting suicide, but such was probably not the case. He was well dressed and gave several nearby towns as his home, which kept everybody guessing as to his identity, which was never quite learned.

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Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says; 'Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements of Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Tomorrow.

Religious services will be conducted at the Seamen's Bethel tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. A. Snyder. Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All are welcome.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church Front and Queen streets, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., tomorrow, Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor: Services tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 4 P. M.. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Seats free; all are welcome.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor; Sabbath services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P M. W. C. E. Society at 7 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

Second Advent Church, South Front street: Services every Sunday 11 A. M., at night 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock. Elder J. M. King, pastor.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., expects to preach in East Wilmington tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

STATE BAPTIST AFFAIRS.

Board of Missions in Session—State Fair Improvements.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—The new State Sunday School Board just elected by the Baptist State Board of Missions, N. B. Broughton, chairman, has decided to defer for some time yet the election of a traveling secretary to succeed Rev. Hight C. Moore, resigned. The selection of Wilson as the place of the Baptist State Convention in 1908 is very generally acceptable.

Committees of the Baptist State Board of Missions today worked out the details of the apportionment of the $45,000 among various mission fields in the State in accordance with the action of the recent State Convention at Wilmington. A special committee consisting of Jno. C. Scarborough, Jno. E. Ray, Rev. M. L. Kelser, Dr. W. L. Poteat and Rev. J. D. Huffham is preparing resolutions on the death of Dr. W. R. Gwaltney of Hickory.

The Executive Committee of the State Fair Association reported at the annual meeting today between $13,000 and $14,000 in the treasury after the affairs of the last fair have been wound up. The committee decided to erect a substantial modern building on the grounds and purpose to add to it from year to year, also to provide an ample water supply.

REVENUE OFFICERS KILLED

With Sixteen Others Was Conducting A Raid on Moonshiners.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 20.—While engaged in a raid on blockade liquor distilleries at Smithtown, Forsyth county, this morning with fifteen others, J. W. Hendricks, a United States revenue officer, was shot and killed from ambush.

The bullet, from a Winchester rifle, passed entirely through the vicitim's heart. The raiding party of sixteen officers left Winston yesterday and divided into squads of four each. Hendricks was pushing into the woods ahead of his companions when killed and the other officers saw the assailant as he made his escape, but have not succeeded in capturing him.

The raid today was the third that has been made on this settlement in the past few months. In the first raid twenty seven officers armed to the teeth, descended on the settlement and after a fierce battle with Winchesters captured several moonshiners and broke up many stills.

A short time ago a second raid by a large party was made with somewhat similar results. Smithtown is the most notorious settlement of blockade distilleries in the State.

Hendricks was one of the most popular officers in the service and was a native of Elkin, N. C.

TRIAL OF CALEB POWERS.

Continues to Drag Along at Georgetown, Kentucky.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 20.—In the trial today of Caleb Powers, for complicity in the assassination of William Goebel, the chief witness was J. S. McKnight, a member of the Mountain Army, who testified that Albert Hilton took the Martin rifle with which Goebel was shot, back to the mountains with him from Frankfort three days after the shooting.

The prosecution also brought out that McKnight was sent money by Powers to bring a number of Harlin county witnesses to testify at this trial. Counsel had a sharp argument over the admission of McKnight's private account book, containing a memorandum of the witnesses' expenses.

VALUE OF FARM CROP.

Department of Agriculture Issues Report, Also as to Acreage.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Department of Agriculture today issued a report giving final estimates of acreage, productions, and value of farm crops, showing winter wheat acreage to be 28,132,000, production 409,442,000 bushels; value per bushel 88.2 cents.

Spring wheat, acreage 17,079,000; production 224,645,000; value 86 cents

Corn, acreage 99,931,000; production 2,592,320,000; value 51.7 cents.

Oats acreage 31,837,000; production 754,443,000; value 44.3 cents.

The average weight per bushel is shown by reports received by the Department to be 56.9 pounds for Spring wheat; 58.9 pounds for Winter wheat and 29.4 pounds for oats.

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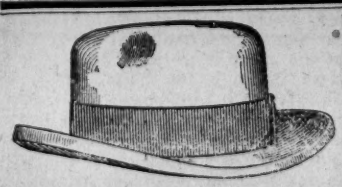

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Get Wise---Read Star Business Locals

JACOB'S CREEK HORROR

Only Six Bodies Have Been Recovered From Darr Mine and Rescue Work is Halted—Drunkenness is Decreasing.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 20.—From the Darr mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company, where a terrific explosion yesterday imprisoned, and almost beyond doubt killed every one of the 200 or more men who had entered the mine for the day, only six bodies had been brought to the surface up to 10 o'clock tonight. Others have been located and lie in the entry awaiting a propitious time for their removal to the temporary morgue.

Most of the men, however, are still hemmed in by heavy falls of slate and other roof formation, a mile and a half and more beyond the point to which the rescuers have penetrated up to this time. There is still a flickering hope that some of them may yet be living, but the disclosures of the investigations so far made, leave little or no basis for this hope.

Here and there one or more may be found who had fallen during a vain attempt to reach the exit, but the almost universal belief is that nearly all the bodies will be found in the remote section, three miles from the mouth of the mine, where they were working when the explosion happened.

Rescue work has been halted. A vast amount of bratticing must be done before it can proceed. The rescuing parties, 7,500 feet from the main entrance have found conditions such that to avert an aditional disaster precautionary work must be done. The poisonous gases must be forced to sections beyond and additional air and ventilation must be provided for that section.

It is not believed that the great mass of bodies will be reached before late tomorrow afternoon. Conditions around the mines, and in this little mining town are greatly improved. The men who yesterday began a holiday celebration by drinking and feasting have sobered up and ceased their carousing and disorder which made last night hideous. An important factor in bringing about this condition was the acquiesence of the proprietor of the big saloon in the town's only hotel in the coroner's request that his bar be closed until after the bodies have been removed and the funerals over. No other drinking place within two miles of the mine is open.

Probably more potent than all else in this improved condition was the arrival from Kittanning of Rev. Father Lawrence A. Carroll, former rector of St. Timothy's Catholic church here, of which a majority of the victims were members. During the day he gave spiritual consolation to the widows and orphans and talked to the men along lines to make them sober and reflective.

As to the number of victims, estimates vary from 175 to 250. Coroner A. C. Wynne of West Moreland county said tonight that after a careful investigation he was satisfied the number would be between 180 and 190.

Conrad Schuth, 48 years old, crazed by the death in the mine of his son and other relatives, ended his own life today by drowning in the river near the mine. He was a widower and leaves four small children.

Mrs. Carrino Delano was restrained from committing suicide today with great difficulty. She lost her husband and two sons in the disaster and in quest of the bodies was crossing the river in the "sky ferry," a basket car suspended from a cable when she tried to leap into the stream. The efforts of three men were required to hold her.

President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America, telegraphed from Indianapolis, authorizing district officials to draw upon the national treasury for $1,000 for families of victims.

BATTLESHIP FLEET.

Is Heard From by Wireless Over 1,300 Miles Away.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 20.—The wireless station here was in communication with Admiral Evans' fleet, this afternoon, and the messages were received from over 1,300 miles of water.

In reference to the report which was termed "ward room gossip" by Washington, to the effect that the Admiral indicated that the fleet would return via the Suez canal, the following message was caught:

"On board U. S. S. Connecticut, Dec. 20.: Evans has made no statement for publication. Must inquire at White House for confirmation or denial."

A still later message told of stiff trade winds and predicted arrival at Trinidad late Monday.

Colonel W. E. Cutshaw, city engineer of Richmond, Va., for thirty-four years, and one of the most distinguished artillery officers of the Confederate Army is dead.

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TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN

It's Up to Nevada to Keep Order at Goldfield Says President.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt today directed the withdrawal of United States troops stationed at Goldfield, Nev., on Monday, December 30th.

Telegrams on which the decision to withdraw the troops is based, were given out at the White House tonight. The first under date of December 17th directed to Governor Sparks of Nevada, and signed by the President reads:

"I sent the troops at your request because from the tenor of your telegram and from the representations made me, by the two Senators from Nevada, and the member of the lower House of Congress, it appeared that an insurrection was imminent against which the State authorities would be powerless. The troops have now been in Goldfield ten days and no insurrection has occurred, and seemingly no circumstances exist to justify your now calling on me for action."

"I do not feel at liberty to leave them indefinitely under such circumstances that they will in effect be performing on the part of the United States those ordinary duties of maintaining public order in the State of Nevada, which rest upon the State government."

The following telegram was sent to Governor Sparks today by the President:

"I have received no answer from you to my telegrams of December 17 in which I said that unless there was forthwith further cause shown to justify keeping the troops at Goldfield, I should direct their return to their former stations. I am informed by the three representatives of the Department of Commerce and Labor, which are in Goldfield by my order, that you have stated to them in writing that you will not convene the Legislature to consider a call for troops nor take the necessary steps to form a safe military force. Their report further satisfies me that there is no disturbance threatened which the government of Nevada ought not be able to control, if it starts to work with a serious purpose to do so, but that no effort is being made by the government of Nevada to take the steps necessary in the matter. I stand ready to see that the national government does its full constitutional duty in the matter of preserving order, but this readiness on the part of the National Government does not excuse the State Government for failure to perform its full duty in the first place. Federal aid should not be sought by the State as a method of relieving it from the performance of its duty and the State should not be permitted to substitute the Government of the United States for the Government of the State in the ordinary duties of maintaining order within the State. For the reasons given in this and my former telegram I have accordingly directed the troops to return to their former station on Monday, December 30th next."

Goldfield, Nev. Dec. 20.—The Goldfield mine owners association refused today to recognize the Western Federation of Miners, as a labor organization or to deal with the local miners union as a body.

A reply to a letter asking for a conference with Attorney O. N. Hilton was received by Mr. Hilton this morning saying that the Executive Committee of the Mine Owners Association would be pleased to receive him as an individual, but that the decision of the mine owners to ignore the Western Federation of Miners in the future is irrevocable.

Fifty strike breakers arrived from California today. They were in charge of guards and detectives of the Mine Owners Association, and were taken at once to the temporary boarding houses which have been established by the Mine Owners at the Combination mine.

FIRE AT DISTILLERY

Damage Not Exceeding $50 at Standard Turpentine Company.

The alarm of fire last night shortly before 12 o'clock was on account of a small blaze at the plant of the Standard Turpentine Company, formerly the Weed Distilling Company, Front and Wright streets. The fire caught in some lightwood that had been in the retorts of the works and had been dumped out along a gangway leading to the river. About 30 feet of the gangway was burned, but Mr. C. L. Taylor, of the company, says that the damage will not exceed $50. The department responded to the alarm and a large number of people were attracted to the scene but there was nothing in the way of a conflagration as is commonly expected when fire breaks out at or near a turpentine works.

February 1 has been fixed as the date for the fight between Tommy Burns and Jack Palmer of New Castle. The battle will be fought at Wonderland, Eng., and besides Burns' title, it will be for a purse and bet of $2,500.

FACTS, NOT FICTION.

Experiences of Wilmington Citizens Are Easily Proven to Be Facts.

The most superficial investigation will prove that the following statement from a resident of Wilmington is true. Read it and compare evidence from Wilmington people with testimony of strangers living so far away you cannot investigate the facts of the case. Many more citizens of Wilmington will endorse our claims.

C. S. Hollen, printer on the "Morning Messenger," formerly residing at 419 Grace street, Wilmington, N. C., says: "I had used several remedies to get relief from itching piles but without any good results. Learning of Doan's Ointment I obtained it at Bellamy's Drug store. It acted immediately and proved so effective that I am entirely cured of the affliction. I found it to be an excellent remedy."

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WARM WIRELETS.

A general curtailment of production in New England cotton mills during January and February is regarded as a certainty in mill circles here at Boston. The product probably will be reduced 25 per cent. in practically all of the mills and will affect 15,000 operatives.

Senator Robert L. Taylor of Tennessee, is suffering from a severe attack of stomach trouble at his apartment at Washington. The Senator has been confined to his bed for three days, but it was stated last night that there is a slight improvement in his condition.

Pocahontas the only point in the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia where whiskey is legally sold, voted out the saloon in a local option election yesterday by a majority of ten votes. Women paraded the streets and plead with voters to cast their ballots for the "dry" ticket.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, was taken seriously ill yesterday while attending the joint conference of miners and coal operators at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis. He was taken to a room complaining of pains in his side where recent operations for abscesses were performed. A Roman Catholic priest and a physician were summoned.

Following the institution of proceedings to oust them for violation of the new constitution of Virginia in accepting free passes on railroads, Jere Bunting last night resigned as President of the City Council of Brittol, Va., and as Police Justice of the city, and H. D. Gibson, resigned as a member of the Municipal Governing Board By agreement of counsel the proceedings were quashed upon their resignations.

The movement of cotton planters in Louisiana, Mississippi and Eastern Texas to sell direct from their fields to European markets caused the organization at New Orleans last night of a co-operative bureau for marketing this cotton. The bureau was formed by the Executive Committee of the Farmers Union, which announced that a compress will be leased immediately and that a working force such as cotton factories employ will be hired. It is planned to incorporate this bureau.

Work on a number of bridges and viaducts to be used for the Virginian railway, east of Roanoke, Va., which was stopped some time ago will be completed without delay. The Virginia Bridge and Iron Company of this city, which has the contract for the bridges and viaducts, yesterday announced that orders had been received to resume work. The road runs from the West Virginia coal fields to Norfolk. The cessation of work was caused by the stringency in the money market.

Through the Consular report of the Italian government at New Orleans, Ambassador Mayor Des Planches at Washington has learned that three persons killed several days ago near Chathamville, La., and supposed at the time to be Italians, were not natives of that country but were Macedonians or Bulgarians. This information came to the consular officer at New Orleans from Governor Blanchard, at Baton Rouge. The Ambassador has accepted as authentic, this statement and has informed his government. The ambassador also has conveyed the facts to the State Department to whose attention he had directed the subject.

Daintiness In Clothing Gifts.

In the giving of Christmas gifts there is so much difference in the appearance of the outside daintiness and the ordinary wrapper, says the editor of Madame, that I would suggest to my readers that whenever possible clothe your gifts in a fancy covering. Dainty colored tissue paper tied with baby ribbon in contrasting and harmonizing colors, with a spray of holly tucked in the bow, will speak of the sender's interest. Again large envelopes of flowered crape paper or Japanese napkins tied with tinsel cord and a spray of mistletoe is a novel device for sending gifts. You should do this to the home gifts as well as to those which go to outside friends. It would also be nice to inclose a Christmas card or send with the gift some appropriate and personal quotation. It expresses a special greeting.

De Li'l' Tin Ho'n.

Sho' ez you bo'n,
Dey gwine ter be fun wid de li'l' tin ho'n!
En some folks 'll growl in de ol' fashion way
'Kaze it rouse 'um f'um res' at de breakin' er day,
But de li'l' folks say dat dey never shill keer—
"Chris'mus des come once a year!"

Sho' ez you bo'n,
Dar's de life er de worl' in dat li'l' tin ho'n,
En de fines' er sights en de purtiest, too,
Is dem rosy red regiments marchin' ter you!
Some folks dey may growl, but de chillun don't keer—
"Chris'mus des come once a year!"
—Atlanta Constitution.

The Message of Peace.

The Christmas season comes with its message of peace to a world torn and rent with many divisions, a world in which there is much strife. This strife is to be allayed and these divisions healed not by any process of statutory enactment, but by that spirit of brotherly love and kindness which takes possession of the human heart at Christmastide. Just so far as that spirit continues regnant in the hearts of men throughout the year will the Christmas season be prolonged and continue to give its blessings to mankind.—Right Rev. David H. Greer, Coadjutor Bishop of New York.

The Ring of the Christmas Dimes.

Give us the joys we've been wantin' long—
Not the joy o' the Christmas chimes,
But something more of a jingling song—
The ring o' the Christmas dimes!

That is the song that we like to sing,
The song o' the stirrin' times,
The song with a ring an' sweep an' swing—
The ring o' the Christmas dimes!
—Atlanta Constitution.

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him. "Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle 10c.

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$27.50—A new house which rented for $27.50 is offered for sale at $2,500 cash. South Ninth street. No. 216. R. M. McIntire. dec 21 2t

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WANTED—Young man who has had some experience in feeding job presses. Good opportunity to learn the trade. Address "Press" care Star office. dec 20 tf

FOR SALE—Two suits black walnut furniture. Can be seen at 402, corner Second and Walnut streets. de 20 6t

GO TO BAGGETT BROTHERS—They have a full line of raisins, currants, citron, powdered sugar, fruit cake sugar, prunes, evaporated peaches, oranges, apples, lemons and mixed nuts and candies. 113 South South Front street. Phone 173. dec 20 2t.

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REMEMBER you can buy anything you want in the fruit cake line from Baggett Brothers. Phone 173. de 202t

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms with privilege of bath. Hot and cold water and electric lights. Apply 501 South Front street. dec 17 tf

MECHANICS' HOME ASSOCIATION opens the 35th series B. & L. stock January 4th, 1908. Walker Taylor, president; L. Stein, vice president; W. M. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. de 17-5t

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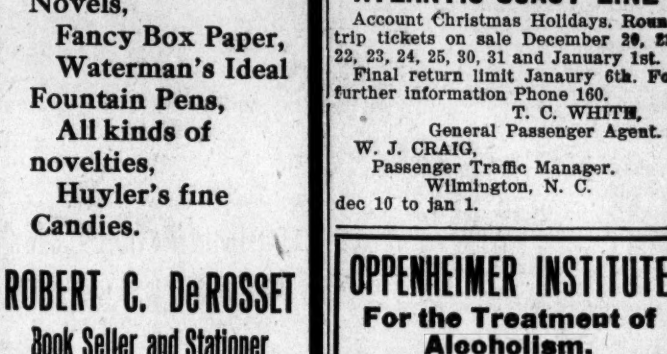

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Greensboro, Dec. 19.—A telegram was receive here yesterday by Mrs. H. L. Fry conveying the distressing intelligence that her son, Hugh Fry, was killed near Lynchburg, Va., by being struck by an engine.

—Greensboro, Dec. 20.—Colonel J. J. Fuller, a well known local newspaper man, is a patient at St. Leo's Hospital and the hospital authorities report him as being a very sick man. He became suddenly ill last evening and was sent at once to the hospital. His age is near three score and ten years.

—High Point, Dec. 20.—The wheels of the High Point Pipe and Foundry Company are again humming after a temporary shut-down. This is one of High Point's largest and most important concerns. It ships goods to all parts of the country and puts upon the market an excellent grade of piping, etc.

—Salisbury, Dec. 20.—Two colored assailants of their fellows are at large and one of the victims dead, as a result of warfare over a woman. Ed Bonner died yesterday at the Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium after srviving several days the attack of Sam Wood. They fought Saturday night at Union Hill, a colored suburb, over a woman. Wood fled after shooting Bonner and has not since been heard from.

—Spencer, Dec. 20. — Matthew Moore, a colored fireman on the Southern Railway, was dangerously shot near Spencer last night by Will Jones, also an employe of the Southern. The men are said to have been walking along a road together when they quarrelled over a woman, and that Jones whipped out a pistol shooting his companion in the back. Jones fled to the woods and Moore is under the care of a physician.

—Charlotte Observer: George McGavin, a bridge contractor employed by the Converse Bridge Company and working on the trestle over the Catawba river near Belmont, fell from the structure yesterday morning while engaged in his duties and struck the water 65 feet below. He was brought to the Presbyterian Hospital on the first train and given medical attention. He is badly bruised and suffered a long gash across his chin which required several stitches.

—Raleigh News and Observer: Captain John Duckett has returned from Fayetteville and Pates, where he visited the State Normals for the colored people and Indians at those places. At the State Normal for the Croatan Indians at Pates, Prof. T. H. Seawell, who had tendered his resignation as principal to accept a position in Peru, South America, was succeeded by Prof. H. L. Edens, a very competent educator and well suited for the place. Miss M. E. Sharpe was re-appointed assistant principal.

—Fayetteville, Dec. 20.—Two Cumberland farmers, L. D. Bennett and M. A. Smith, had an altercation on Hay street yesterday. Smith struck Bennett, when Bennett drew his gun and fired two shots at close range, but both shots missed. He then placed his gun directly over Smith's heart, for a third shot, when friends rushed in and prevented a tragedy. One shot crashed through a plate glass window in Gorham's Book and Music store, which was crowded with Christmas shoppers, but no one was hurt.

—Winston-Salem, Dec. 19.—Three young farmers, from Guilford county residing about four miles from High Point, were held up by three negro men and severely dealt with last night while returning from the eastern section of the city. One of the young farmers, Martin Wall, is in the Twin-City Hospital with a fractured skull, and another, named Hargraves, has a severe bruise on the side of his face. The third young man, named Haywood, escaped with a slight bruise on the arm. The highwaymen have not yet been apprehended, though the officers believe that they will be able to round them up.

—Rocky Mount Herald: Offerings of tobacco for the week were very heavy, amounting to more than half a million pounds, and was a record breaker for this season. The weather conditions were unfavorable on Monday, and the usual amount was not sold. But for that fact perhaps 100,000 more would have been sold. The quality has deterioated a good deal and the receipts were of a common, non-descript order, with more or less greenish, wild tobaccos, which were very unsuitable. Also a large proportion of common tips and lugs. Good bright tobaccos were very scarce, as were also wrappers. When they did appear however they brought outside prices.

—Rocky Mount, Dec. 20.—Sunday night six prisoners escaped from the Edgecombe chain gang working in Rocky Mount township and quartered in a house just north of Tar River. The escape was effected through a hole cut in the floor and could not have been accomplished except by outside assistance. The men who escaped were all long term men, and but two have been recaptured. Sam Davis, a colored man who lived near the camp, has been arrested and is held on the charge of aiding and abetting the delivery, it being alleged that he harbored and helped the prisoners remove their shackles at his home, after they escaped. He also gave two of the men a pair of pants each, to replace the striped trousers they wore.

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Statement of condition December 3rd, 1907. Condensed from Report to United States Government.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts		$871,782 20
Overdrafts		1,464 51
U. S. Bonds and Premiums		259,296 88
Furniture and Fixtures		6,530 49
Cash:		
Due from Banks	$453,418 16	
In our Vault	95,667 74	549,085 90
		$1,688,109 98

Liabilities:

Capital		$200,000 00
Surplus		100,000 00
*Undivided Profits, Net		25,644 46
Circulation		200,000 00
Bills Payable and Re-discounts		105,000 00
Deposits:		
Banks	$690,446 16	
Individuals	317,019 36	
U. S. Government	50,0000 00	1,057,465 52
		$1,688,109 98

*After Dividends of $12,000.00 paid.

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

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Report of the conditions of

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK
Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts		$609,417 64
All other stocks, bonds and Mortgages		10,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures		2,246 05
Cash on Hand and in Banks		110,136 21
Total		$731,799 90

Liabilities:

Capital Stock		$ 30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		50,792 99
Dividends Unpaid		7.50
Deposits subject to check	$511,257 46	
Demand Certificates of Deposits	139,741 95	650,999 41
Total		$731,799 90

I, F. W. Dick, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1907.

C. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

Correst Attest,
M. W. DIVINE,
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Trains Arrive at Wilmington as Follows

No 44 at 1:25 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local Stations, connecting at Hamlet with No. 41 from Norfolk and Raleigh.

No. 40 arrives 2:35 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 66 from Jacksonville, No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh and No. 81 from New York and Richmond.

Trains Leave Wilmington as Follows

	No. 45	No. 39
Lv. Wilm't'n	4:00 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
Ar Lumb't'n	6:35 A. M.	6:56 P. M.
Ar Maxton	7:25 A. M.	7:55 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet	8:25 A. M.	8:50 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet	8:45 A. M.	9:15 P. M.
Ar. Monroe	10:50 A. M.	11:15 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte	11:45 A. M.	12:15 A. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points north, and No. 38 for Raleigh and Portsmouth-Norfolk. At Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta, at Charlotte for Western Carolina Points.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth-Norfolk and No. 42 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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STATEMENT

Report of the Condition of THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business, December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$ 669,720.86
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,254 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		50,000 00
Bonds, securties, etc		149,100 00
Banking House Furniture and fixtures		20,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		117,316 74
Due from State Banks and bankers		70,916 15
Due from approved reserve agents		48,125 63
Checks and other cash items		907 46
Notes of other National Banks		15,485 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		2,518 58
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$84,740 75	
Legal tender notes	61,860 00	146,600 75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		7,064 47
Total		$1,424,009 85

LIABILITIES.

Captital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	92,062 33
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other national Banks	66,119 03
Due to State Banks and Bankers	107,089 94
Dividends unpaid	873 00
Individual deposits subject to check	721,600 30
Certified checks	40 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	11,225 25
United States deposits	50,000 00
Total	$1,424,009 85

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover.

I J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of December, 1907.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

Correct Attest:
D. McEACHERN,
WM. E. WORTH,
C. W. YATES,
Directors.

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For rates and time tables apply to the undersigned.

C. H. GATTIS, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

dec 12 to jan 1

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect November 17, 1907

NOTICE.
The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as conections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington	9.40 am	7.00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:50 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	3:55 pm	11:46 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	3:42 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:30 pm	
Ar. Wilson	1:58 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:38 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	6:25 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	10:05 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:43 am	11:20 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:25 am	1:41 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	4:15 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 49.
Lv. New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar. Philadelphia	11:55 am	12:15 am
Ar. Baltimore	2:15 pm	2:46 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk		8:30 am
Lv. Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar. Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar. Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	11:50 pm	1:59 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	6.15 am	3.12 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9.35 am	6.10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	am
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sav'n	6:55 pm	2:45 am	9:54 am
Ar. J'k'ville		9:00 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:20 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
Lv. Charleston	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:34 pm	8:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	1:10 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar. 8:15 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar. 4:55 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv. 3:40 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

Trains No. 48 and 49 carry Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.

Trains No. 55 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.

TO THE BEACH
Suburban Schedule
(In Effect Sunday, Oct. 13th, 1907.)
Daily Except Sunday.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
7:00 A M	6:25 A M	
7:30 A M	7:55 A M	7:45 A M
8:30 A M	8:25 A M	8:15 A M
10:00 A M	9:25 A M	9:15 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:45 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45 P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M	10:15 P M
	11:25 P M	

Freight Schedule
Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (daily except Sunday).
Freight received at Ninth and Orange from 3 to 4 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE
Cars will be operated between Front and Princess and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess at 6:55 A. M. until 9:55 P. M.
Leaving Seventeenth and Market from 7:05 A. M. until 10:05 P. M. All Suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
9:00 A M		
10:00 A M	9:55 A M	9:45 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:15 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45 P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M	10:15 P M
	11:25 P M	

Carolina Place Schedule.
(Sundays)
Leave Front and Princess streets every 20 minutes from 8:35 A. M. to 9:55 P. M.
Leave 17th and Market streets every 20 minutes from 8:45 A. M. to 10:05 P. M.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 20...

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market quiet 41 1-2 cents.

ROSIN—Market, quiet at $2.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 66 1-2; rosin firm steady $3.70; tar firm $2.35; crude turpentine, $3.35, $4.50; $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	30
Rosin	150
Tar	287
Crude Turpentine	92

Receipts same day last year 36 casks spirits turpentine; 298 barrels rosin; 545 barrels tar; 87 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady at 11 1-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Firm at 10 3-8 cents for middling.

Receipts—2,570 bales, same day last year 1,332 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 30c, extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 60c; fancy 65@66c; Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides dull, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c. for large springs; growns, firm, 30@35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 24c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@10c. per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — $1.40@$1.50 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 20.—The cotton market had a sharp advance during the early session, as a result of the census report which disappointed some recent sellers, but lost part of the gain in the later trading with the close steady at a net advance of 10 to 14 points. Sales were estimated at 300,000 bales.

The market opened firm at a decline of two points, to an advance of 11 points, and inside of the first half hour sold 23 to 25 points net higher, on the active months, as a result of active covering and some support from spot houses and local bulls. The census report, showing 9,281,000 bales ginned to December 13 was a little under expectations based upon the national ginners reports established the previous day, but the figures did not seem to be bringing in much fresh demand from outside sources and after the first half hour the market became rather quiet and easy with the prices off from yesterday under realizing and Wall street bear pressure. Prices were steadied toward the close by covering. A cable from Liverpool said that the Indian crop was officially estimated at 40 per cent. less than last year and local bulls claimed that the census figures pointed to a crop in this country under the government estimate of last week. Spot people also claimed that the basis in the South was becoming more difficult, but reports as to trade conditions continued unfavorable and bears claim that the prospects in this direction fully offset any probable reduction in the world's crops.

Receipts at the ports today were 82,147 bales, against 56,782 last week and 54,119 last year. For the week, 360,000 bales against 369,093 last week and 353,701 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 12,453 bales against 16,237 last year and at Houston 17,103 bales against 17,959 last year.

Spot closed steady 10 points higher middling uplands 11.80; middling gulf 12.05; sales 1,900 bales.

Futures opened firm and closed steady.

December	11.20	11.15
January	10.34	10.47
February	10.50	10.62
March	10.58	10.72
April	b10.64	10.79
May	10.70	10.76
June	10.68	10.76
July	10.67	10.72
August	10.50	10.50

COTTON RECEIPTS.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 20.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston	1,169,957
New Orleans	879,287
Mobile	198,559
Savannah	1,052,451
Charleston	158,039
Wilmington	350,243
Norfolk	312,942
Baltimore	24,167
New York	1,989
Boston	1,978
Newport News	804
Philadelphia	3,250
San Francisco	12,805
Brunswick	128,107
Port Townsend	29,620
Pensacola	78,853
Port Arthur & Sabine Pass	43.636
Jacksonville	5,565
Eagle Pass, Texas	100
Laredo, Texas	104
Minor Ports	8,921
Total	4,461,378

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Firm, 11 11-16; Net receipts 19,306.

New Orleans—Easy, 11 3-8; Net receipts 12,453.

Mobile—Steady, 11; Net receipts 3,239.

Savannah—Dull, 11 1-16; Net receipts 9,676.

Charleston—Quiet, 11; Net receipts 3,231.

Wilmington—Steady, 11; Net receipts 2,570.

Norfolk—Steady, 11 1-4; Net receipts 3,863.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 1-2; Net receipts 1,506.

New York—Steady, 11.80; Net receipts 2,115.

Boston—Steady, 11.80; Net receipts 50.

Philadelphia—Steady, 12.05.

Pensacola—Net receipts 15,440.

Newport News—Net receipts 164.

Port Arthur and Sabine Pass—Net receipts 5,713.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 226.

Total today at all ports, Net 82,147; Great Britain 36,596; France 18.258: Continent 17,532; Japan 475; Stock 985,873.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 395,479; Great Britain 178,237; France 43,083; Continent 157,568; Japan 6,305.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 4,461,378; Great Britain 1,427,908; France 417,523; Continent 1,391,919; Japan 5,243; Mexico 1,020.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Quiet, 11 9-16; Net receipts 17,103.

Augusta—Steady, 11 3-16; Net receipts 2,832.

Memphis—Steady, 11 1-2; Net receipts 4,889.

St. Louis—Quiet, 11 5-8; Net receipts 28.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 420.

Louisville—Firm, 11 1-2; Net receipts 313.

Little Rock—Steady, 10 7-8; Net receipts 2,181.

Total today—Net receipts 27,775: Gross receipts 31,657; Shipments 76,885; Sales 2,649; Stock 293,771.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—Closing: cotton: Spot quiet; prices unchanged to 10 points lower. American middling fair, 6.72; good middling, 6.36; middling, 6.10; low middling, 5.86; good ordinary, 5.34; ordinary, 4.84.

The sales of the day were 7,000 of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 6,900 American. Receipts 15,000 bales, including 3,100 American.

Futures opened easier and closed quiet. American middling G. O. C.: December, 5.73; December and January 5.73; January and February 5.74; February and March 5.74 1-2; March and April 5.75; April and May 5.75 1-2; May and June 5.76; June and July 5.75 1-2; July and August 5.82; August and September 5.63; September and October 5.51; October and November 5.41.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 20.—The dry goods market ruled quiet and dull. Some lines are being withdrawn until after the opening of the year. Carpets are not selling. Cotton goods are selling in trifling lots and lower prices for grey goods but no changes are being made in ticketed lines by agents. Cotton yarns are firmer and higher.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 20.—The dull trading on the Stock Exchange today was accompanied by considerable strength which was displayed in a spotty and irregular manner. Professional traders did much of the business, and buying to cover shorts by a retreating bear interest was an important factor in the activity. There was an assumption on the part of buyers of stocks that tomorrow's bank statement was to show a material recupteration in the position of the clearing house institutions. The money market did not show any greater ease, the call loan rate, in fact, touching the highest level of the week. The stock market ignored this and the continued dearth of funds in the time money market. Additional gold was engaged abroad and discounts advanced in London. An advance in the prices of copper, both in London and here, was a feature of the day and made the copper industrial strong. Gains were maintained to a firm closing. Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, $3,020,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today were 432,100 shares.

Bradstreet's Statement.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Bradstreets' tomorrow will say:

"Holiday buying has had the center of the stage, and retail business has felt very perceptibly the influence of the spirit of the season. While much more marked than some time ago, however, the volume of retail buying as a whole is well below a year ago at this date. The tendency in industrial lines is still toward curtailment, instances of this being found in the iron and steel, bituminous coal, coke, lumber and cotton goods lines, in which latter a canvass is now being made by New England manufacturers as to the future of production.

"Conditions in financial circles are still slowly but quiet surely approaching normal. From the country at large there is reported a continued easing up of the situation as regards cash payments.

"The firmness in call and scarcity of time money at New York with the maintenance of the currency premium at or around one per cent, is taken to indicate the conserving of money supplies pending the heavy first of the year disbursements.

"Interior cities make more inquiry for commercial paper and quite considerable loans made on time. Commercial collections are very slow and as yet reflect little benefit from the current holiday purchasing. Several cities report enlarged savings banks withdrawals, presumably due to holiday expenditures.

"A very favorable feature in the present period of depression is the tendency toward enlargement of our export trade. This is most notable in the grain trade, and not, by the way, entirely on the East coast of the country, because the movement on the Pacific coast is very large.

Business failures for the week ending December 19, number 298 against 284 last week, 227 in the like week of 1906; 235 in 1905; 249 in 1904 and 243 in 1903.

"Canadian failures for the week number forty, as against fifty last week, and twenty-six in this week a year ago.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Money on call firm, 8 to 16; ruling rate, 15 per cent. closing bid, 10 per cent., offered at 14 per cent. Time loans nominal, sixty and ninety days 12 per cent.; six months 8 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 8 per cent.; sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers bill at 4.8665 to 4.8670 for demand and at 4.8050 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.8025. Bar silver 53. Mexican dollars 41.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	104 1-2
U. S. refunding 2s cou	105
U. S. 3s reg	101 1-2
U. S. 3s cou	101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg	119
U. S. new 4s cou	119
American Tobacco Co. 4s	59 1-2
American Tobacco Co. 6s	94
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	84 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	95 1-2
L. & N. Unified 4s	94
Seaboard Air Line 4s	65
Southern Railway 5s	95
U. S. Steel 5s	83 7-8

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	46 1-2
American Car Foundry	30 1-2
Amr. Car Foundry pfd	85@95
American Cotton Oil Co	28
Amr. Cotton Oil Co, pfd	70@85
American Locomotive	37
American Smelting & Ref	72 3-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	89 1-2
American Sugar Refining	99 7-8
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert	68 3-4
Atchison	71 3-4
Atchison pfd	85
Atlantic Coast Line	70
Baltimore & Ohio	80 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	75
Chesapeake & Ohia	30 3-8
Kansas City Southern	23 1-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	52
L. & N.	92 1-2
New York Central	95
Norfolk & Western	64
Norfolk & Western pfd	72@76
Pennsylvania	112
People's Gas	74 1-4
Reading	94 1-8
Reading 2nd pfd	72
Rock Island Co.	15 1-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	28 1-8
Southern Pacific	74
Southern Pacific pfd	108 1-4
Southern Railway	13 1-2
Southern Railway pfd	37 1-2
Tenn., Coal & Iron	95
U. S. Steel	26 3-4
U. S. Steel pfd	88 3-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	16@19
Ca.-Car. Chemical pfd	85@92
Seaboard Air Line	
Seaboard Air Line pfd	
Standard Oil	443
Western Union	55 1-2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Flour firmer but quiet.

Rye Flour—Firm.

Buckwheat flour and Corn meal—Steady.

Rye flour—firm.

Wheat—Spit market strong; No. 2 red, 1.06 elevator. Options 1-2 to 1 1-4 net higher. December 1.07 7-8; May 1.13; July 1.06 1-4.

Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 72 elevator. Options 5-8c net higher. December 70; May 67 1-8.

Oats—Spot easy; mixed 54 1-2.

Lard—Easy; Western prime 8.15 to 8.25 nominal. Refined lard easy.

Pork—Barely steady.

Tallow—Qpiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 3.30 to 3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.85; molasses dsugar 3.00 to 3.05; refine steady.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio No. 7, 6 1-8, Santos No. 4, 8; mild coffee steady, Cordova 9 1-2 to 13.

Cordova 9 1-2 to 13; Futures net 5 points lower to 5 points higher.

Butter—Steady, unchanged.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Unsettled, selected white 42 to 45; good to choice 36 to 38; brown and mixed fancy 36; average best 34 to 35; first to extra firsts 31 to 33.

Freights to Liverpool—Easy; grain by steam 2 1-2d.

Peanuts—Steady, unchanged.

Potatoes—Easy, unchanged.

Cabbages—Dull, unchanged.

Cotton seed oil was easy for nearby but steady for late months. Prime crude 29 to 30; prime summer yellow 37; off summer yellow 36 to 37; good off summer yellow 35 1-2 to 36 3-4; prime white 36 1-2 to 39 1-2; prime winter yellow 45 to 48.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Additional rains in Argentina caused an advance of more than two points in the price of wheat for May delivery, on the local exchange today. At the close the gain was 1 3-8 to 1 1-2c compared with the final quotation of yesterday. Corn was 1-2 to 5-8c. Oats were 3-8c higher. Provisions were 7 1-2 to 17 1-2 higher.

Leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—December, 99 5-8; May, 1.06 5-8 to 1-2; July, 99 1-8 to 1-4.

Corn—December, 57 1-2; May, 58 1-4 to 3-8; July, 57 3-8.

Oats—May, old, 54 3-8; May, new, 53; July, old, 48 1-2; July, new, 45 3-4.

Mess pork, per barrel—January, 12.60; May, 13.15.

Lard, per 100 pounds—January, 7.72 1-2; May, 7.85.

Short ribs, per 100 pounds—January, 6.72 1-2; May, 7.05.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, firm; No. 2 spring wheat, 1.09 to 1.13; No. 3, 1.00 to 1.12; No. 2 red, 99 1-2 to 1.00 1-4; No. 2 corn, 59 to 1-2; No. 2 yellow, 64 to 1-2; No. 2 oats, 50 to 7-8; No. 3 white, 48 to 52 1-2; No. 2 rye, 78; No. 1 northwestern, 1.14 1-2; prime timothy seed, 4.30 to 4.35; clover, contract grades, 16.50; short ribs, sides (loose), 6.62 1-2 to 7.25; mess pork, per barrel, 12.12 1-2 to 12.25; lard, per 100 pounds, 7.90; short clear sides (boxed), 7.00 to 7.12 1-2; whiskey, basis of high wines, 1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Rosin, quiet; turpentine, easy at 46 1-2.

Charleston, Dec. 20.—Turpentine and rosin, nothing doing.

Savannah, Dec. 20.—Turpentine firm, 42; sales 807; receipts 629; shipments 2,650.

Rosin—Firm; sales 3,431; receipts 2,536; shipments 4,645; stock 111,390. Quote: A B C D, 2.75 to 3.00; E, 2.85 to 3.00; F, 2.90 to 3.00; G, 2.90 to 3.05; H, 2.95 to 3.10; I, 3.50 to 3.55; K, 4.50; M, 5.25; N, 6.10; W G, 6.25; W W, 6.25

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Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20, 1907.

C. C. Railroad—232 bales cotton; 17 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—369 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 6 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,761 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 8 barrels rosin; 93 barrels tar; 68 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—2 casks spirits turpentine; 32 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—67 bales cotton; 74 barrels rosin; 20 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Whitlock—23 casks spirits turpentine; 55 barrels rosin; 6 barrels tar.

Str. City of Fayetteville—91 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 13 barrels rosin; 133 barrels tar.

Str. Duplin—50 bales cotton.

Total—2,570 bales cotton; 30 casks spirits turpentine; 150 barrels rosin; 287 barrels tar; 92 barrels crude turpentine.

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BELLIGERENT CONGRESSMEN

Minority Leader Williams And De Armond Have Not Buried Tomahawk Yet.

A DUEL WAS TALKED OF

Friends Make an Unsuccessful Attempt to Heal the Breach—Both Believe the Other at Fault.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 20.—Yesterday's physical encounter between Mr. John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, and Mr. DeArmond of Missouri, on the floor of the House of Representatives had no aftermath today, so far as the principals themselves were concerned, but friends of each traveled back and forth between the camps of the minority leader and the leader of the minority opposition waving boughs of peace.

It is understood however, that they acted out of their own friendliness and of their own volition, not by authorization of the combatants.

Rumors of the liklihood of a challenge to a duel, floated about the corridors of the capitol today but investigation proved them purely fanciful. Mr. DeArmond's attitude is stated to be this: He has no mind either to perpetuate the quarrel nor to make the first move toward a reconciliation. He feels that Mr. Williams was the aggressor in having intimated that he was a falsifier and in having struck the first blow and therefore that peace overtures, if any there are to be, should originate on Mr. Williams' side of the line.

Mr. Williams is understood to believe himself to be in the right. It is contended in his behalf, that he suffered Mr. DeArmond to question his truthfulness and sought to turn his wrath aside; then suggested a less public place to pursue the discussion, and when this was ignored held himself in check until Mr. DeArmond had a second time cast at him the lie.

For the sake of many things he does not desire to continue the unpleasantness, neither does he feel that an amend is due from him until the first plank to bridge the breach has been laid down by the gentleman from Missouri.

Notwithstanding the exact opposite-ness of these two views, it is predicted by common friends that the two distinguished Democrats will yet clasp hands and covenant to forgive, if not to forget.

In Mr. Williams' behalf it is explained today that his real reason for resigning from the Ways and Means Committee, was to make a place for his colleague, Mr. Bowers, of the committee on Appropriations that in view of the fact that Mississippi's delegation numbers only eight representatives, he felt that to have two Mississippians on the two chief committees of the House would be bestowing too much preferment in his own State.

Though the House was not in session, Mr. DeArmond visited the floor today and sat for a while at his desk at work. He discouraged any invitation to discuss his encounter with Mr. Williams. The latter spent most of the day at his home.

COTTON GINNED.

Census Report Shows a Falling Off for This Year.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Census Bureau today issued a bulletin showing that the total amount of cotton of this year's growth in the United States ginned up to December 13 last was 9,281,077 bales as compared with 11,112,789 bales for the same period last year and 9,297,819 bales for the same period in 1905.

The total number of active ginneries was 27,152. In this bulletin round bales are counted as half bales.

The number of round bales included is 167,485 for 1907 and 243,096 for 1906, and 252,137 for 1905. Sea Island included 65,145 for 1907 and 49,361 for 1906 and 90,836 for 1905.

The total crop for 1906 was 12,983,201, and for 1905, was 10,495,105. The per cent. of crop ginned to December 13 was 85.6 for 1906 and 88.6 for 1905. For 1907 there were ginned to December 1st 8,343,396 bales. In the totals for this year's growth ginned to December, the running bales counting round as half bales and excluding linters are distributed as follows:

State	Number of bales	Active ginneries
Alabama	962,022	3,421
Arkansas	572,105	2,086
Florida	45,747	242
Georgia	1,632,495	4,512
Kentucky	1,103	2
Louisiana	502,091	1,821
Mississippi	1,119,244	3,487
Missouri	23,674	73
New Mexico	55	2
North Carolina	522,917	2,690
Oklahoma	686,078	955
South Carolina	1,014,711	3,156
Tennessee	204,267	651
Texas	1,987,781	3,957
Virginia	6,787	97

The distribution of Sea Island cotton for 1907 by States is: Florida, 22,490; Georgia, 32,994; South Carolina, 9,661.

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SECRETARY TAFT IS HOME

Says It's the Height of Foolishness to Talk About a War With Japan. Wouldn't Discuss Politics.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 20.—William H. Taft, Secretary of War returned today from his trip around the world, bringing renewed assurances of Japan's friendliness toward the United States, but declining to say anything with respect to the political situation in this country.

He said he was out of intimate touch with political affairs at home and refused to discuss them in any way.

One of Mr. Taft's interviewers had the temerity to ask: "Well Mr. Secretary tell us who is your choice for President?"

Amid general laughter, in which he heartily joined, the Secretary replied: "I guess I will have to leave that to inference."

Mr. Taft left for Washington on an early afternoon train saying that accummulated matters in the War Department would keep his nose to the official grind stone for some time to come, and that the preparation of his special report on the Philippines, which will be in book form, would also require much of his time in the near future.

During his two hours stay in New York Mr. Taft was aboard the army tug, General Joseph E. Johnson, which had taken him from the liner President Grant, at quarantine.

The small army of reporters gathered at the pier, found they were a few minutes late. The Secretary finally was overhauled just as he was about to take the train for Washington. He was most cordial in manner.

Looking exceedingly well, the Secretary said he had taken daily five mile walks on the decks of the Grant during the thirteen days' trip from Hamburg.

"It is the height of foolishness to talk of possible war with Japan," declared the Secretary. "Japan does not desire war with us, and we certainly do not desire war with Japan. If there was any war spirit anywhere in Japan I failed to find the slightest note of it. Everywhere there was talk of continued peace. I speak very confidently about this. Our trade relations with Japan are extensive and are constantly growing. Japan's exports amount annually to about $160,000,000 of which we take about one-third. The exports consist largely of mattings, lace goods, embroideries and other fancy work, in the production of which many people are interested. We in turn ship vast quantities of flour, oil and such commodities to Japan. This sort of trade is a great pacificator."

"What about the Pacific fleet?"

"The sailing must have been a magnificent sight. We have fine ships and a fine personnel, and so long as the Pacific ocean belongs to us, as much as to anybody else, I see no reason why we should not send our ships there on a practice cruise. The Japanese are too intelligent to attribute false motive to the movement.

"My trip had as its only definite object, a report on conditions in the Philippines. My visit to Japan was only incidental. The trip through Russia was made partly to save time and partly because I had crossed the Pacific six times and was rather anxious to see the new territory. My visit was in no sense official. So many courtesies were shown me that the moment I put foot on Russian soil, I could not have refused, even had I desired to do so, the invitation to an audience with the Russian Emperor.

"At Moscow I had the rather novel experience of dining one evening with an official who next day was made the target of a bomb. This was Governor General Guerschelmann. The ride through Siberia was most enlightening and gives one a very different idea of that country from what it is generally conceived to be.

"I was much pleased with conditions in the Philippines. They were much better than I had hoped for. The initial proceeding of the first Philippine assembly and its tendency to conservatism, despite the supposed radical majority, was most gratifying.

"In China the American residents were anxious for re-assurance as to America's intention toward maintaining the 'open door' policy. At the banquet in Shanghai I endeavored to give this assurance."

Secretary Taft arrived in Washington over the Pennsylvania railroad at 6:25 o'clock.

Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen Taft remained in New York City where they will be the guests of the Secretary's brother, Henry W. Taft for several days. His son Charles Taft is with him.

BRYAN AT KANSAS CITY

Refuses to Discuss Candidacy of Governor John Johnson.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—William J. Bryan when questioned as to Democratic Presidential possibilities and particularly as to the probable candidacy of Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota said: "I know Governor Johnson personally, but you must pardon me for not going into the personalities. I could not discuss him nor any one else as a Presidential possibility and be quoted without being misunderstood. I shall not volunteer as a Democratic Presidential candidate, but if I am drafted I will not desert."

Mr. Bryan who is on a speech-making tour that will take in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, arrived here today from Lincoln, Neb., on his way to Wichita, Kas., where he spoke tonight.

Here's Good Advice.

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WEALTHY MAN IS MURDERED

James H. Oliphant, New York Exchange Member, is Shot Down in His Office.

MAKES DYING STATMENT

Assassin Was Charles A. Geiger of South Carolina Who Had Lost $75,000 in Steel Stocks and Owed $5,000.

(By Wire to the Morn'ng Star.)

New York, Dec. 20.—James H. Oliphant, senior member of the stock exchange firm of James H. Oliphant & Co. is dying tonight from a bullet wound inflicted at his office this afternoon by Charles A. Geiger, a customer, from Beaufort, S. C., who, after firing upon Oliphant, killed himself.

The men were closeted in Oliphant's private office at the time, and all that is known of what immediately preceded the shooting was learned from the lips of the dying broker.

Oliphant said that his refusal to extend further credit to Geiger caused the tragedy. There is reason to believe, however, that Geiger had become mentally irresponsible. A note book found upon his person contained computations by which the writer apparently had figured that he would be worth $3,000,000 by January 1, 1908. He actually possessed, so far as his personal effects showed, less than $11.

Geiger owed the Oliphants $5,000 and had been asked for a settlement. He called at their office today and after explaining that he could not meet his obligation asked that the firm advance him sufficient credit to carry 5,000 shares of a certain stock until a rise in the price should yield him a profit. His proposition was refused and the shooting followed.

The offices of James H. Oliphant & Co. are at 20 Broad street, in the centre of the financial district and the shooting caused a sensation in the street and temporarily interrupted the business of the curb traders, the scene of whose activities are over-looked from the big office building.

Clerks who pushed their way into Oliphant's office when they heard shots fired, stumbled over Geiger's dead body. He had shot himself in the mouth and again in the right temple. A revolver was clutched in the right hand. Oliphant had slipped from his chair and lay half concealed under his desk. A bullet had entered the stomach. The broker was still conscious. At the hospital where the operation of laparotomy was performed, it was found that the bullet had grazed the kidneys and lodged in the back. It was not removed.

Mr. Oliphant's ante morten statement was supplemented by a statement from broker's partners who included Oliphant's son, Norris Oliphant.

According to young Oliphant Gieger who was 39 years of age, 6 feet tall, slender and wore a heavy, dark moustache, belonged to the class of speculators know in the street as "odd lot customers," those who always have something on the board, buying or selling in ten or twenty share lots, never investing a great amount but frequently risking all they possess.

Papers found in a room which Geiger occupied last night in the Holland house indicate, however, that he had lost no less than $75,000 in dealing in steel common, and that he still owed the Oliphants $5,000. It was also indicated by the papers, and partially confirmed by acquaintances, that Geiger had lost all he possessed, and that when he went to the broker's office today it was in the hope of securing credit through which he might recuperate his fortune.

He opened an account with the Oliphants on September 5, 1905 and operated in steel common until September 7, 1907 when he left for Beaufort, S. C. At the time his account was secured, but the recent deprecation in the price of securities resulted in a debit balance against him of $5,000. This he was repeatedly asked to make good. On November 30, while stopping at the Poedmont Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., he wrote the Oliphants, asking them to send a check to the Fifth Avenue Bank, here, for $250 to be charged to his account.

The Oliphants replied that the request could not be granted as he owed them money.

Late yesterday Gieger reached New York. This morning he called on Mr. Oliphant and left, it was said, without any unpleasantness. This afternoon he returned, renewed his proposition and, upon again being refused, suddenly drew a revolver and commenced firing. Oliphant, while supported in the arms of his son, was able to say:

"He shot me. I guess the poor fellow's mind was deranged."

Oliphant is prominent in business and socially. He is a director in the LaFayette Fire Insurance Company, the St. Lawrence River Real Estate Association, a trustee in the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, a member of the Stock Exchange, the Chamber of Commerce, the New York Atletic and other clubs. He is 54 years of age and wealthy. The stock exchange firm is made up of Mr. Oliphant, his son J. Morris; Alfred Norris and Floyd W. Mundy.

At the hospital to which Mr. Oliphant was taken it was said late tonight that death was expected momentarily.

Beaufort, S. C., Dec. 20—Charles A. Geiger, who shot JJ.J H. Oliphant in New York today, lived here for two years. Each day he exchanged telegrams with his broker, James H Oliphant, except during the telegraphers' strike, when he went to New York, returning as soon as it was over.

On Tuesday last, he left here saying he was going to Atlanta. He was uncommunicative, never drank and seemed to live an abstentious, simple and regular life. He was born in Roswell, Ga., in 1862. His father was at one time a physician at Baltimore, Md. His mother was Miss Helen H. Barnwell of Beaufort, S. C.

He spent many years abroad and on coming back to Beaufort in January, 1906, he told friends here that he was at one time court physician to Kink Nenelik of Abyssinia, and a friend of Count Szechenyi, the fiance of Miss Vanderbilt.

In his room here are many photographs of himself and the count taken together in Abyssinia, as well as many curios collected in Africa.

It is said that he served also as a physician at the court of the Sultan of Morocco. To the very few with whom he talked he showed himself to be a man of culture, broad education, wide travel and a skillful physician. He has a sister, Miss Carrie Geiger, said to be living in New York but no other immediate relatives.

Oliphant died at 2:03 o'clock this (Saturday) morning.

TOBACCO MEN IN CONFERENCE.

Acts of "Night Riders" to be Investigated at Frankfort.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 20.—The lobby of the Capital Hotel was crowded today with members of the antagonistic forces of the American Society of Equity and the American Tobacco Company, who had gathered for the meeting called by Governor Willson.

President Lebus of the American Society of Equity for the Kentucky burley branch and Mr. R. K. Smith, of the American Tobacco Company as the accredited representative of President James B. Duke, seemed to lead the respective forces.

Governor Willson called the meeting to order and spoke on behalf of the Commonwealth outlining the plan of procedure. He reviewed the outrages perpetrated on the inhabitants of Kentucky, good and law-abiding citizens, who could not be dominated by a small number of unlawful. He said that for a time law might not be enforced but that it would assert itself. He declared arson and felonous crimes must cease.

Attorney Parker of the legal department of the American Tobacco Company and Claude M. Thomas, of the Burley branch of the society of Equity also spoke.

Governor Willson read the following letter from Elihu Root, secretary of State:

"Sir: I have the honor to enclose the translation of a memorandum left at the Department by the Italian Ambassador stating that during a recent riot at Hapkinsville, Ky., tobacco valued at about $15,000, which was the property of the Italian Government, was destroyed.

"The embassy said that the Italian government holds tobacco at other points named in the memorandum and expresses anxiety lest it may also be destroyed." The memorandum recited the treaty between Italy and the United States and called for protection guaranteed.

A claim por reparation will be made because of the damage suffered by the Italian interests in Hopkinsville, Ky., which was burned by "night Riders. The loss amounted to about $15,000. It appears according to the best information obtainable that the raid was not because of antipathy to the Italians or Italian labor, but was a development of the issue between the American Tobacco Company and the Independent concerns.

POSTMASTER A SUICIDE.

Ansonville Man Killed Himself When Inspector Came.

(Special to the Baltimore Sun.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 19.—Postmaster J. H. Huntley, of Ansonville, N. C. today placed a revolver in his mouth and killed himself just after a post-office inspector had walked into the store where Huntley conducted business and began to ask him questions. What passed between the two men is not known, but the postmaster lost no time in making away with himself upon the appearance of the inspector.

Huntley had been suffering from melancholia for some months, and his friends had been apprehensive lest he should attempt some rash deed. Financial troubles are said to have been the cause of Huntley's melancholia.

He had conducted a store in Ansonville for 25 years. A postoffice inspector left yesterday for Ansonville but it is reported that he went to investigate a rumor regarding a carrier in Anson county.

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